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How it leaps in dance excited,
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How it looks in [illegible] stance,
How it [illegible] in wind of change,
While around the hearth we gather,
One and all,
In the bleak and windy weather
Of the fall!

Friendly flame, remote Chaldean
Score of name effaced, Sabean
Shepherds in the elder ages,
Persian bards in mystic pages,
Thee adored, for so divinely
Streamed thy light,
Half we follow and enshrine thee
Spirit bright!

Dear the friends each heart remembers,
As in clear warm the embers,
[illegible] its beauty,
Sparkle, flash and glow till duty,
Tire at the comfort of the hour,
Warms our soul,
And we deem its sterner dower
Life's best goal.

So we dream not visionary,
When we deem the missionary
Household fire, once more re-lighted,
Blazing brighter the white [illegible],
Round the hearth of home we gather,
One and all,
In the bleak and windy weather
Of the fall!
—American Kitchen Magazine.

PRISONER OF WAR

A Landlord Goes to Collect His Rent and Instead Gets Collected Himself.

"No rent again this month! This is the third time it has happened within the half year. I'll go there myself and get the money, or I'll know the reason why."

Matthew Deane was in particularly bad humor this raw December morning. Everything had gone wrong. Stocks had fallen when they ought to have risen, his clerk had tipped over the inkstand on his special and peculiar heap of paper, the fire obstinately refused to burn in the grate—in short, nothing went right, and Mr. Deane was consequently and correspondingly cross.

"Jenkins!"

"Yes, sir."

"Go to the Widow Clarkson and tell her I shall be there in half an hour and expect confidently—mind, Jenkins, confidently—to receive that rent money, or else I shall feel myself obliged to resort to extreme measures. You understand, Jenkins?"

"Certainly, sir."

"Then don't stand there staring like an idiot!" snarled Mr. Deane in a sudden burst of irritation, and Jenkins disappeared like a shot.

Just half an hour afterward Matthew Deane brushed the brown hair just sprinkled with gray from his square yet not unkindly brow. Putting on his fur lined overcoat, he walked forth into the chilly winter air fully determined figuratively to annihilate the defaulting Widow Clarkson.

It was a dwarfish little red brick house, which appeared originally to have aspired to two storyhood lot, but, cramped by circumstances, had settled down into a story and a half, but the windows shone like Brazilian pebbles, and the doorsteps were worn by much scouring. Neither of these circumstances, however, did Mr. Deane remark as he pulled the glittering brass doorknob and strode into Mrs. Clarkson's neat parlor.

There was a small fire—very small, as if every lump of anthracite was hoarded in the stove—and at a table, with writing implements before her, sat a young lady whom Mr. Deane at once recognized as Mrs. Clarkson's niece, Miss Olive Mellen. She was not disagreeable to look upon, though you would never have thought of classing her among the beauties, with shining black hair, blue, long lashed eyes and a very pretty mouth, hiding teeth like rice kernels, so white were they.

Miss Mellen rose with a polite nod, which was grimly reciprocated by Mr. Deane.

"I have called to see your aunt, Miss Mellen."

"I know it, sir, but as I am aware of her timid temperament I sent her away. I prefer to deal with you myself."

Mr. Deane started. The cool audacity of this damsel in gray, with scarlet ribbons in her hair, rather astonished him.

"I suppose the money is ready?"

"No, sir; it is not."

"Then, Miss Olive—pardon me—I must speak plainly. I shall send an officer here this afternoon to put a valuation on the furniture and"—

"You will do nothing of the kind, sir!"

Olive's cheeks had reddened, and her eyes flashed portentously. Mr. Deane turned toward the door, but ere he knew what she was doing Olive had walked quietly across the room, locked the door and taken out the key. Then she resumed her seat.

"What does this mean?" ejaculated the astonished "prisoner of war."

"It means, sir, that you will now be obliged to reconsider the question," said Olive.

"Obliged?"

"Yes. You will hardly jump out of the window, and there is no other method of egress, unless you choose to go up the chimney. Now, then, Mr. Deane, will you tell me if you, a Christian man in the nineteenth century, intend to sell a poor widow's furniture because she is not able to pay your rent? Listen, sir!"

Mr. Deane had opened his mouth to remonstrate, but Olive enforced her words with a very emphatic little stamp of the foot, and he was, as it were, stricken dumb.

"You are what the world calls a rich man, Mr. Deane. You own rows of houses, piles of bank stock, railroad shares, bonds and mortgages—who knows what? My aunt has nothing. I support her by copying. Now, if this case be carried into a court of law, my poor ailing aunt will be a sufferer. You would emerge unscathed and profiting. You are not a bad man, Mr. Deane; you have a great many noble qualities, and I like you for them." She paused an instant and looked intently and gravely at Mr. Deane. The color rose to his cheek. It was not disagreeable to be told by a pretty young girl that she liked him, on any terms, yet she had indulged in pretty plain speaking. "I have heard," she went on, "of your doing kind actions when you were in the humor for it. You can do them and you shall in this instance. You are cross this morning, you know you are! Hush, no excuse! You are selfish and irritable and overbearing! If I were your mother, and you a little boy, I should certainly put you in a corner until you promised to be good."

Mr. Deane smiled, although he was getting angry. Olive went on with the utmost composure:

"But as it is, I shall only keep you here a prisoner until you have behaved and given me your word not to annoy my aunt again for rent until she is able to pay you. Then, and not until then, will you receive your money. Do you promise? Yes or no?"

"I certainly shall agree to no such terms," said Mr. Deane tartly.

"Very [illegible]."

Miss Mellen deposited the key in the pocket of her gray dress and sat down to her copying. Had she been a man Mr. Deane would probably have knocked her down; as it was, she wore an invisible armor of power in the very fact that she was a fragile, slight woman, and she knew it.

"Miss Olive," he said sternly, "let us terminate this mummery. Unlock that door!"

"Mr. Deane, I will not!"

"I shall shout and alarm the neighborhood then or call a policeman."

"Very well, Mr. Deane. Do so if you please."

She dipped her pen in the ink and began on a fresh page. Matthew sat down, puzzled and discomfited, and watched the long lashed eyes and faintly tinted cheeks of his keeper. She was very pretty. What a pity she was so obstinate!

"Miss Olive!"

"Sir?"

"The clock has just struck 12."

"I heard it."

"I should like to go out to get some lunch."

"I am sorry that that luxury is out of your power."

"But I'm confounded hungry."

"Are you?"

"And I'm not going to stand this sort of thing any longer."

"No?"

How provokingly nonchalant she was! Mr. Deane eyed the pocket of the gray dress greedily and walked up and down the room pettishly.

"I have an appointment at 1."

"Indeed! What a pity you will be unable to keep it!"

He took another turn across the room. Olive looked up with a smile.

"Well, are you ready to promise?"

"Hang it—yes! What else can I do?"

"You promise?"

"I do, because I can't help myself."

Olive drew the key from her pocket, with softened eyes.

"You have made me very happy, Mr. Deane. I dare say you think me unwomanly and unfeminine, but indeed you do not know to what extremities we are driven by poverty. Good morning, sir."

Mr. Deane sallied forth with a curious complication of thoughts and emotions struggling through his brain, in which gray dresses, long lashed blue eyes and scarlet ribbons played a prominent part.

"Did you get the money, sir?" asked the clerk when he walked into the office.

"Mind your business, sir," was the tart response.

"I pity her husband," thought Mr. Deane as he turned the papers over on his desk. "How she will henpeck him! By the way, I wonder who her husband will be?"

The next day he called at the Widow Clarkson's to assure Miss Mellen that he had no idea of breaking his promise, and the next but one after that he came to tell the young lady she need entertain no doubt of his integrity, and the next week he dropped in on them with no particular errand to serve as an excuse!

"When shall we be married, Olive? Next month, dearest? Do not let us put it off later."

"I have no wishes but yours, Matthew."

"Really, Miss Olive Mellen, to hear that meek tone one would suppose you had never locked me up here and tyrannized over me as a jailer."

Olive burst into a merry laugh.

"You dear old Matthew! I give you warning beforehand that I mean to have my own way in everything. Do you wish to recede from your bargain? It is not too late yet."

No, Matthew Deane didn't. He had a vague idea that it would be very pleasant to be henpecked by Olive!—Chicago Times-Herald.

Mabel's Little Sister.

When you have wanted a little sister very, very badly and when the little sister finally arrives, you are apt to love her far better than anybody else could possibly love her, even your father and mother. Mabel was 7 years old before the long wished for little sister arrived. The first rapture of really having her was dampened somewhat by the incessant crying of the baby.

For herself Mabel didn't mind. Anything the baby did was perfect, but, oh, would the others, who couldn't, of course, worship "little sister" the way Mabel did, get tired of it? One day when the baby had almost screeched her little head off, and all in that inconsequent way of babies, Mabel went to her mother in the first lull and begged absolution.

"You don't mind her crying so very much, do you, mamma?" she said earnestly. "She's so little, you know, and she can't help it yet, really and truly she can't. Please, please put up with it for my sake. And, oh, mamma, no matter how hard she cries you won't—now promise me you won't, mamma—send her away!"—New York Sun.

A Long Way Round.

What is the most roundabout journey that the absence of proper steamship communication entails on the inhabitants of any country? Surely it must be that described by our consul at Loanda, Portuguese West Africa. If one of the 6,000 whites of Angola or 1,700 Europeans in the Kongo Independent State, who so frequently need change of climate, wishes to spend a week or two in Cape Town, which should lie, even by slow steamer, only six days distant, he has to travel 3,000 miles from Loanda to Madeira, catch there a Cape steamer and journey for another fortnight the 4,500 miles to Cape Town. It thus needs fully a month's continuous traveling and 7,500 miles of it to reach a point only 1,000 miles from the starting point.—London Chronicle.

She Didn't Appear.

One day not many years ago there appeared on the bill of a certain place of amusement the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Salvini would present an interesting feature on the programme. Mrs. Salvini's part in the entertainment was the task of working the stereopticon from the gallery while her husband performed on the stage. Mrs. Salvini's work was well done and was just as important as that of her husband. A reporter, who was to write an account of the programme, however, turned in something like this:

"Mr. and Mrs. Salvini were on the programme. Mr. Salvini was present and did excellent work, but for some unaccountable reason, which was not explained, Mrs. Salvini did not make her appearance."—Detroit Free Press.

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One of the Weird Legends of This Ocean Graveyard—A Woman In White, a Bleeding Forefinger and a Ring Sold in Halifax.

"Sable island belongs to Nova Scotia, is 145 miles from Halifax and 85 miles east of Cape Canso," writes Gustav Kobbe in Ainslee's. "It is a treeless, shrubless waste, seamed by wind and wave and of ever changing aspect. A cone shaped hill near the east end, once a mere undulation of sand, is now over 100 feet high and is still growing. Other hillocks are gradually being mowed away by storms. The hillocks are liable to be undermined so swiftly and swept out of existence that they are carefully watched from the various stations on the island, there being no certainty how far an inroad of the sea will extend after each successful attack. Even the coarse grass of the island grows in a different manner from that of the mainland. It does not bear seed, but shoots up from roots which run along under the sand. During the winter the sand is blown over the grass and buries it sometimes three or four feet deep, but the hardy blades grow up next season, as if the island sands had protected them from the cold of winter in order to make them all the stronger.

"The island itself is fighting for self preservation. It seems as if it drew ships into its fatal embrace as rallying points for its loose and shifting sand, thus to protect itself by a bulwark of wrecks against annihilation by the sea. Tradition says that when Sable island was discovered by Cabot in 1447 it was 80 miles long and 10 miles wide. In 1802, when a rescue station was established there, it was only 40 miles long. Since then it has shrunk to but little more than 20 miles in length, and in width it is only a mile at its widest. Within 28 years the western end lost seven miles. Shoals over which the ocean now surges are pointed out as former sites of lighthouses. One of these was so swiftly undermined by the sea that it had to be abandoned with the greatest precipitation. The spot where once stood the superintendent's house is now under two fathoms of water.

"The island, rapidly diminishing at its western end, is slightly gaining at its eastern. Slowly, like a ship dragging its anchor, it is moving eastward. Will it ever reach the edge of the shoals, stand tottering on the brink of the abyss till it receives its coup de grace and plunge over the submarine bank forever into the depths? Unfortunately its end will probably be less dramatic. There is good ground for believing that this gray sand bar will slowly wear away until it becomes another submerged shoal added to an ambuscade already some 40 miles in length, for a line of breakers extends 16 miles from one end of the island and 28 miles from the other.

"In the space of a single year Sable island claimed more than 200 lives. In fact, so many wrecks line the shoals of this ocean graveyard that the new pile up on the old, like bodies heaped in one ditch. The Crofton Hall, an iron sailing ship wrecked a few years ago on the northeast bar, broke in two about amidships. The pieces have drifted together again, and the islanders suppose that she struck crosswise upon an old submerged wreck and is settling over it, which accounts for the two parts coming together. Nor is the island satisfied with the awful tribute which it exacts from the living. The same informant who writes me about the Crofton Hall adds that the bark John McLeod, which was wrecked off Devil's island at the entrance to Halifax harbor, drifted ashore on Sable island bottom up, a wreck of a wreck!

"One of the grimmest legends of Sable island dates from the wreck of the Amelia, and there is enough evidence of truth connected with it to show what bloody deeds were added on that occasion to the terrors of shipwreck. Captain Torrens, who commanded the gunboat which was dispatched to Sable island after the wreck of the Amelia, was one of the survivors of the second disaster. A passenger on the lost transport was Lady Copeland, on her way to join her husband. The captain of the gunboat had been told that she wore on her forefinger a ring of peculiar artifice.

"The story has it that Captain Torrens, wandering over the island one night in search of possible survivors, was attracted by the piteous whining of his dog in front of a small, open shelter known to have existed at that time, but long since toppled to pieces. Approaching the shelter, he was startled to see the figure of a woman all in white and holding toward him the bleeding stump of a forefinger. While he was gazing at the apparition it rose, silently glided past him and dived into the sea. But time and again thereafter the white woman with bleeding forefinger was seen wandering over the sand hills.

"It is probably only part of the weird legend that Captain Torrens, feeling sure that a shocking crime had been committed, tracked the guilty pirate until he discovered his family on the coast of Labrador and learned that the ring had been sold in Halifax. It is a fact, however, that many years after the disaster Lady Copeland's ring was discovered in a jewelry store in Halifax and was returned to her family. From that hour her ghost has ceased to haunt the island."

The New George.

Johnny was worried about Washington's greatness. He turned to his mother and said, "Washington's all right, but Grant's more like me."

"How is that?"

"Well," throwing out a diminutive chest, "he could tell a lie when he tried to."

"But Johnny, you never tell lies, do you?"

"Why, mamma, you know I do. You always find me out."

A moment of silence.

"Mamma?"

"Well, Johnny?"

"When you were a little girl, didn't you ever tell a lie?"

Mamma was stumped. Then she answered, "I always tried to tell the truth."

"Well, why don't they celebrate you?"—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Badly Expressed.

Pusher—Gusher is not very happy in his choice of adjectives.

Usher—Why so?

Pusher—Miss Gummins fished for a compliment by asking him what he thought of her slippers.

Usher—And what did he say?

Pusher—He said they were immense.—Collier's Weekly.

Eugene L. Hall, the poet, says that one dose of Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice when hoarseness threatened to prevent his lecture at Central Music Hall, Chicago. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

EXPECTANCY.

Keep courage and wait, for the sunlight will fade,
And the moon will shine out over the hill,
And the dawn will arise from the chill and the shade.
[illegible] with a will.
The present [illegible]. The light shines ahead,
And [illegible] with sorrow or greed,
We [illegible] to be spread
Tomorrow or day after next.

No matter how long you have waited to claim
The prize which your fancy held near,
The day will come [illegible] ever the same,
And [illegible]
Tomorrow we are [illegible] at last;
And by tricks no longer perplexed,
We will all be at peace, we will smile at the past
Tomorrow or day after next.
—Washington Star.

BORN TO WED

How a Texan Woman's Inheritance, a Pair of Mules, Gained Her a Second Husband.

The sandstorm had passed, leaving the air vibrant and electric. The lashed earth was distorted from the punishment it had endured.

Mrs. Elliott emerged from the farthest corner of the lee room—there were but four—and made an attack on the heaps of alkali dust that covered the floor. Her weapons were a fire shovel and a coal scuttle. A mere broom would have availed no more than a feather.

She was a northern woman making acquaintance with the new southwest. Domestic help in the southwest is a case of Chinaman or nothing. Mrs. Elliott would have preferred a cobra.

A shadow fell silently across the tiny entrance way and a soft voice said:

"Good evenin'."

Madam resented the southernism. It was only afternoon. However, she looked toward the open door and accepted the challenge.

"D'y'all want a girl?"

Mrs. Elliott gripped her shovel firmly to prevent herself from throwing her arms around the woman's neck.

"Will you walk in?"

She faintly remembered a tradition regarding servants' entrances and other devices of civilization, but they were intangible vapors, beating idly against the rocks of primitive conditions.

The Texan smiled gently, and her brown eyes were as friendly as a dog's. She seated herself unasked, calmly rocking back and forth and apparently seeing no reason to pause in the chewing of her gum.

"Are you looking for a place?"

"Yes. Y'see, m' husban' has jest died, an of c'ose I cayn't live alone in a tent out on the plain."

Mrs. Elliott bowed in recognition of Texan conventionalities.

"I thought mebby y'll 'ud 'low me to put my tent in y'all's back yahd. Then I'd be safe, an I cu'd wo'k feh y'all."

The idea was good. Mrs. Elliott grasped it with concealed eagerness.

"Yes. M' husban' lef' me a shack an a pa'h o' mules an a wagon."

Her temper could not be called purse proud, but it was certainly well satisfied.

"Husband been dead long?"

"'Bout three weeks." Her cheerfulness was suspicious.

"Was he good to you?"

"I reckon he was as good as most when he was sobeh. Sometimes when he'd been drinkin he use to beat me."

This had apparently been no cause for resentment, but was regarded with mild unconcern as the usual course of nature.

"What is your name?"

"Loo eye za."

Mrs. Elliott gasped, but her necessities were great.

"Looeyeza," she said, with a gulp, "you may come tomorrow."

Early the next morning the shack and shackhold effects appeared in charge of a lazy, shiftless looking and unkempt Texan ranger, smelling vilely of tobacco and whisky. Looeyeza followed with smiling deliberation.

"Who is that man?" asked Mrs. Elliott.

"He says his name is Mack Taylor."

In New Mexico it is the part of wisdom to take a man's word for his name and to make no further inquiries.

"Is he a friend of yours?"

"He lives off yondeh, an I got him to move m' shack feh me. I never saw him befoh."

When the full New Mexican moon hung overhead that night, flooding the plains with silver sheen for a hundred miles, unwonted voices reached Mrs. Elliott's ear. She made an errand into the back yard. On a bench in the tent door sat Looeyeza and Taylor. His feet were on another bench, and he had shed his coat. He had the air of a man perfectly at home.

"I jes' come oveh t' see ef I'd got Mrs. Kenders' shack fixed all right," he exclaimed, thrusting his pipe behind him and trying to appear unconcerned. Looeyeza's smile was conscious and silly.

Looeyeza took no trouble to adjust herself to her new conditions. She let them fall around her and drape themselves as they would. Her smile was Mrs. Elliott's despair. She ceased to wonder her husband had beaten her.

On the third day of her advent she joined her mistress and a caller in the room dignified by the name of parlor, seated herself, with a serene interest in the newcomer, and smiled on both ladies benignly. For a few seconds the atmosphere of the room was peculiar.

"Thomas Jefferson's ideas of democracy were crude and limited," remarked Mrs. Elliott to her friend.

"Very," said the lady, with ready appreciation. "Thomas should have lived in Texas."

These remarks not being of interest to Looeyeza, she decided to sit on the front porch, from which madam dislodged her later by an errand.

"That Taylor comes every evening to see Looeyeza," said Mrs. Elliott to her husband at the end of the first week.

"He's after her mules," responded Mr. Elliott with conviction. "Can't you tell her so, and how worthless he is?"

His wife looked at him pityingly. He might understand Taylor, but he didn't understand Looeyeza.

"I don't know what to do with them mules," she said to madam the next day. "[illegible] but he's got done [illegible] an now I hain't got no place to keep 'em. [illegible] I'll hef to git married so's to have a man to take care of 'em."

"Have you set the day for the wedding?" asked Mrs. Elliott, with cold perception.

"We thought we'd have it in 'bout two weeks," admitted Looeyeza faintly.

"Do you know anything about Mr. Taylor?"

"Oh, yes, he's tole me all 'bout his first wife an his children an every thing. He's got [illegible] of his children."

"[illegible] is he?"

"Yes, indeed. He's got fouh. He wants to git married so's to have a home feh 'em."

"I shouldn't wonder. Has he a home to furnish you and them?"

"Oh, yes, he has a nice shack, an with mine we'll have two."

"Exactly. And your mules can support him and his children?"

Looeyeza looked pleased at Mrs. Elliott's ready comprehension of their plans.

"Of course, if the mules shouldn't earn enough, you could take in washing."

Mrs. Elliott's polite inflections cut the air like daggers, but they cut dough. Looeyeza smiled.

"Yes; I like to wash. An tent life is so lonely." She had been a widow four weeks.

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"Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God and in the face of this company to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony."

"We" were represented by Mrs. Elliott. Some one had to give the wretched bride away, and, with a prayer for pardon, her mistress had accepted the honor, questioning much were it not better to chloroform the victim into another world.

"Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?"

The unhappy lady murmured her part, and the mockery proceeded. The rector was English and very young, weighted by the importance of his office and guiltless of a sense of humor. Of these vagrants of the plains before him he knew nothing.

"With all my worldly goods I thee endow."

It was impossible not to think of the mules. They represented the chief intelligence in the contract.

The wedding journey began at Elliott's back yard, whence the shack and its furniture were to be transported to the section of the plain adorned by the Taylor residence. The mules were in evidence, and they seemed to fully realize their position as the family support.

Taylor drove away, standing up in proud authority over his newly acquired possessions. Looeyeza sat on her household goods, simpering and shy, but proud to be again wooed and wed.

A passing dust cloud hid them from sight.—Criterion.

GOOD WATER FROM TREES.

Wells Which Wily Southern Woodsmen Tap With an Auger.

In many sections of the forest lands of the south during the dry seasons a man may walk for miles without finding a stream of water or a spring by which to quench his thirst. If, however, he is an experienced hunter and woodsman, he will not have to drink water from the stagnant pools in order to keep life in his body.

Queer as it may seem, an experienced man can hunt for days through such dry tracts and yet experience no inconvenience on account of the lack of water. Nature has provided a means which is only known to the initiated. Every old huntsman carries with him when going on a long hunt a small auger, by which he can secure a refreshing drink and water to cook with at any moment.

A cottonwood tree or a willow is the well which the wily huntsman taps. He examines each tree until he finds one that has what a woodsman calls a "vein." It is simply an attenuated protuberance. By boring into this "vein" a stream of clear water will flow out. It is not sap, but clear, pure water. The huntsmen say that the water is better than the average to be had from ordinary wells. There is no sweetish taste about it, but it has a strong flavor of sulphur and is slightly carbonated.

The reason for this phenomenon cannot easily be explained, but that a supply of water can be contained in a tree is not so surprising. The fact of its flowing is the wonderful feature, showing that is must be under pressure or, in other words, that there is more at the source of the supply. When it is considered that the trees furnish the water in the dry season and that the ground is literally baked, it is the more remarkable, especially when the roots of the trees do not extend to any great depth into the ground.—Memphis Scimitar.

NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE.

On Festive Occasions It Arrays Itself In Hired Finery.

The east side achieves gentility on great occasions, albeit somewhat unshaven and slipshod between whiles. From its own standpoint it does not spare expense. What it cannot buy it hires. The possibilities of renting the set pieces and habiliments of fashion have been thoroughly exploited east of the Bowery. There is none of that pride of exclusive possession that obtains along thoroughfares farther westward. The swarming population shares its joys and sorrows and garments with impartial hand. Many of the brides whose brief finery startles their old companions on the wedding night hire their gowns and veils.

The most gorgeous and costly creations are obtainable for $5 an evening. The paraphernalia of mourning may be rented for a single occasion. Ball dresses warranted to captivate are for hire in Division street. Chowder parties are equipped throughout for a day on the sound.

There are dozens of establishments that drive a flourishing business loaning dress suits for a consideration. A rigid social etiquette prescribes that the truck driver and small shopkeeper shall on such formal occasions as balls and receptions don the clawhammer, and the downright east sider would rather be out of the world than out of fashion as he understands it. The young men who purchase secondhand the dress suits of business men whom they accost in Broadway and Wall street are the scouts of these luring establishments. Revamped and pressed anew, a dress suit will earn its second cost in two or three evenings. The garb of the floor committee at a typical ball of a social club is evidence enough that the tailors of New York are a cosmopolitan group.—New York Mail and Express.

Catchy Advertising.

"People who live in glass houses," wrote the real estate dealer who was at work on a three sheet poster announcing a free excursion, "are the biggest fools on earth to do so when they can buy good wooden houses at the figures at which I am offering them in Groundsoechurst."

Then he held the manuscript at arm's length and admired the penmanship and the boldness and vigor of the conception.

"I think that'll fetch 'em," he said.—Chicago Tribune.

A Little Known Fact.
That the majority of serious diseases originate in disorder of the kidneys. Foley's Kidney Cure is guaranteed. Try it to day if you're not feeling well. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

The finest of room moulding 50 varieties to select from. Call on L. Koenig Water street.

PARTS OF THE BODY.

MODELS THAT ARE USED IN THE STUDY OF ANATOMY.

They Are Taken From Subjects in the Morgues and Hospitals of Paris and Are Colored Exactly to Represent Nature.

In the window of an [illegible] is a display which is gruesomely fascinating. It is composed of papier mache representations of parts and organs of the human body, colored similar to nature. Some are life size, as a pair of lungs and a stomach; others, an eye and an ear for instance, are large enough to have belonged to the giant who was knocked out by Jack. A weird model of a head demonstrates unpleasantly how you would look if your skin were peeled off your face. Every vein and nerve and muscle is carefully outlined and colored. A figure displaying the entire interior of a torso, colored to represent nature, shows us that all sorts of things go to make us up inside. One is apt to think of oneself as being of a solid, harmonious red interiorly, but this is all wrong, it appears.

Studying these figures sets one wondering where they come from and who models them. It would be an occupation congenial to few, one would suppose. A gentleman who came to the door for a moment courteously answered a lot of questions asked by an inquisitive person.

"These models," said he, "are all made in Germany and France. There are none made in this country. Yes, the manufacturer's assistants model their originals in clay, working directly from subjects obtained in hospitals and morgues. Azou of Paris is the largest manufacturer of this line of goods. They make models of sections of animals also. For instance, we now have an order for a deer. Come inside and let me show you more of the things." A glass case in the rear of the store was filled with all sorts of parts of all sorts of animals, human and otherwise.

"Isn't this a beautiful heart?" said he enthusiastically, exhibiting a life size organ of papier mache, divided up into little hinged parts and colored red and tan and pink and blue.

"It sells for $6. A little throat, similarly colored and divided, would cost you $8 if your fancy ran to that kind of bric-a-brac. A beautiful little 'bit' of mechanism composed of papier mache, bone and wire, illustrating the nerves connecting the tongue with the ear, and various intricate auricular arrangements you can buy for $35."

There was a shelf full of brains and another full of animals' legs and stomachs and livers and things. Altogether it was a pretty bloody looking kind of show on account of the quantities of red paint used to illustrate large sections of muscle. Then standing up in one corner was a life size figure of a man composed of innumerable separate pieces, so that any part could be taken off and individually studied. One side demonstrated the muscle formation and the other the veins and nerves and arteries. This figure can be bought for $500 by any one who wishes such an ornament.

Then there were genuine skulls and skeletons. The French excel us also in the preparation of human bones for the market. An articulated skull of American workmanship would cost $9. A skull of French articulation was priced at $25, and the work was admirable. All the most delicate bones were carefully preserved and arranged, and it was subdivided into many small parts, held together with tiny brass hinges. The top of the skull was sawed evenly off, so as to form a sort of cap, but the other openings seemed irregular and dovetailed. This was explained thus:

"Do you know how they separate a skull into its various parts? Well, they pack it full of sawdust, which they then wet. The sawdust expands and bursts the skull apart along its natural joinings or sutures. These are then hinged and wired, as you see. It all requires most delicate manipulation by an expert. Tramond of Paris is the leading artist in skulls and bones. The business of modeling these papier mache organs and of articulating bones is not an overcrowded one, as there is not a large demand for such things. Schools and colleges are the chief buyers of the articles. There are precious few students, as you may imagine, who can afford to invest so much money in models for private study."

Any hearts and lungs and livers that come to this country other than by way of the barge office, it may be added, must pay 40 per cent duty to Uncle Sam.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Human Birds.

A facetious man who rejoices in the name of Bird conceived the idea of calling a convention of all the people in Philadelphia who belong to his tribe. Of course it was a joke, but a glance through the pages of the directory convinced him that such a gathering would be a big one. He discovered that there were just an even 100 plain Birds, but the variety of those who specified their kinds was appalling. The list, as far as he went, was as follows: Doves, 15; Eagles, 6; Finches, 21; Fowls, 3; Hawks, 30; Jays, 6; Larks, 6; Jeacocks, 29; Pigeons, [illegible]; Parrots, 40; Partridges, 30; Sparrowhawks, 7; Sparrows, 7; Wrens, [illegible]; Robins, 15; Nightingales, 9; Chickens, 5; Thrushes, 4; Canaries, 3; Geese, 2, and Turkey, 1. There were two Capeys, and Philip Ducks upheld the dignity of his branch of the family.—Philadelphia Record.

Denver's Great Chimney.

The tall chimney of the Grant smelter is an object of interest to every visitor of Denver. It is by far the tallest smokestack in the United States and has but two rivals in the world. The following facts will give the reader an adequate idea of the immensity of this chimney: It is 352 feet 4 inches in height. There are [illegible] bricks in this immense shaft. Its weight above the foundation is 12,370,530 pounds. Its pressure at the base is 100 pounds to the square inch, and the total wind pressure against it in a gale would be 298,200 pounds. The diameter at the base is 33 feet and at the top 20 feet.—Denver Post.

Setting a Neighbor Right.

"Was that your dog that was howling all night?"

"I guess it was."

"Why in thunder don't you kill him?"

"Heavens, man, it's indigestion that makes him howl!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Lingering LaGrippe Cough.
[illegible] Vachen, 157 Osgood St., Chicago, says: "My wife had a very severe case of la grippe and it left her with a very bad cough. She tried a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar; it gave immediate relief. A 50 cent bottle cured her cough entirely." Price 25c and 50c. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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Announcements.

MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

Hon. Joseph C. Sibley announces that pursuant to the call of friends in the various counties in the 27th district, he will be a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the primaries to be held on April 7.

Franklin, Pa., Feb. 6, 1900.

STATE SENATOR.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for State Senator subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.

MYRON MATSON,

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 9, 1900.

MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce me as a candidate for Member of Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

THOS. F. RICHMOND.

Smethport, Pa., Feb. 6. 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the State Assembly subject to the decision of the Republican primaries of McKean county.

M. H. HOUGHTON,

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 9, 1900.

NATIONAL DELEGATE.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the National Convention, subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.

JAMES A. MCKEAN.

Smethport, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900.

STATE DELEGATE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my candidacy for delegate to the State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county at the primaries.

DAVID HOWELLS,

Kane, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.

CHAS. A. DUKE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries of McKean county.

J. M. MCELROY.

Bradford, Jan. 29, 1900.

JURY COMMISSIONER.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for Jury Commissioner subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.

WALTER OSTRANDER.

Port Allegany, Feb. 12. 1900.

Republican Primaries.

The Republican caucuses or primary elections will be held at the usual polling places, in each district of McKean county, Saturday, April 7, 1900, between the hours of 4 p. m. and 8 p. m., for the purpose of recommending a district delegate to the National Republican convention; one person for Congress; one person for State Senator; and electing three delegates to the Republican State convention, and placing in nomination two persons for member of Assembly and one person for Jury Commissioner. The county convention acting as a canvassing board, to declare the result of said caucuses and for the purpose of electing a chairman of the county committee, will meet at the court house at Smethport, on Tuesday, April 10, 1900, at 2 p. m.

MYRON MATSON, Chairman.
E. L. RYAN, Secretary.
Bradford, March 2, 1900.

THE Republican primaries will be held Saturday, April 7. See call at the head of these columns.

THE Quaytes have carried Snyder, Lancaster, Mercer, Lawrence, Union and Bradford counties at the primaries recently.

ANOTHER shotgun social was held near East Bernstadt, Ky., last Saturday night. Millard Hughes was killed and several others were wounded.

MRS. MOLINEUX has made a public statement in defense of her reputation from the attacks made upon it by her husband's prosecutors, and denies having been intimately acquainted with Barnet.

ADJUTANT GENERAL CORBIN presented Mrs. Lawton, with a check for $98,407.07. The presentation was informal, Gen. Corbin merely stating that this represented the amount contributed by the American peaple.

IT is safe to say there will be little or no contest between the factions of the Republican party in this county at the primaries this spring. The candidates who have announced are capable men and should receive the hearty support of the entire Republican party.

ACCORDING to a recent decision of the Supreme Court an organization of business men have no legal right to "black list" a firm or individual because he is indebted to one or more of these firms, and the person or firm "black listed" can collect damages through a libel suit.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY referred to imperialism in his remarks before the Ohio Society in New York, Saturday as follows: "There can be no imperialism. Those who fear are against it. Those who have faith in the republic are against it. So that there is universal abhorrence of it and unanimous opposition to it. Our only difference is that those who do not agree with us have no confidence in the virtue or capacity, or high purpose, or good faith of this free people as a civilizing agency, while we believe that the century of free government which the American people have enjoyed has not rendered them faithless and irresolute, but has fitted them for the great task of lifting up and assisting to better conditions those distant peoples who have, through the issue of battle, become our wards."

THE announcement of Hon. T. F. Richmond, in to day's Herald, he is a candidate to succeed himself in the legislature, is a reminder that a member of the assembly is always accorded a second term when he has proven himself to be a competent and acceptable legislator. Mr. Richmond's constituents were aware of his ability when they chose him to represent their interests among the state law makers. He has proven faithful to the trust they confided in him and deserves the honor of a second election. Mr. Richmond is a well known Smethport attorney. He has practiced law a number of years at the county seat. As solicitor for the county commissioners he cared for the interests of McKean in an intelligent manner. Thoroughly familiar with the interests and needs of McKean county, and having familiarized himself with the duties of the office he aspires to fill a second time, the voters of McKean will conserve the best interests of the community by returning him to the legislature.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Mch. 5, 1900.

President McKinley's trip to New York, to attend the annual dinner of the Ohio society, from which he returned to-day, was a pleasant break in the protracted season of very hard work. Mrs. McKinley accompanied him and both expressed themselves as having had a very enjoyable time. The congratulations offered the President on all sides on the able and timely speech he made at the Ohio dinner were received with his usual modesty. That speech answers many of his critics.

Senator Foraker's statement that while we are bound by the peace treaty with Spain to maintain the "open door" commercially in the Philippines, we cannot give the Philippines free trade with us, has caused the question of our trade relations with the Philippines to be discussed. The attitude taken by the Republicans in passing the Porto Rico tariff bill is that Congress has the right to impose whatever duty it may see fit upon the products of any outlaying possession of the United States. While it is believed that the United States Supreme Court will sustain that attitude, no man can say with certainty in advance what the decision of the court will be; hence the discussion. One thing is reasonably certain, and that is, that if called upon to surrender the protective tariff or the Philippines, the Republican party would give up the Philippines, because, as Senator Foraker said, to give the Philippines free trade would be to open our markets to all the world through them.

All of the Republican members of the house have been requested to be in their seats every day during the present week, and the request has greatly alarmed the Democrats. The reason for the request is simple enough but it cannot be stated at this time without betraying a party secret to the enemy.

The senate will this week adopt the conference report on the finance bill.

Secretary Hay will not discuss the report that this government has threatened Germany with a commercial war, if the meat bill reported to the Reichstag becomes a law, but from other sources it is learned that representations by Ambassador White to the German government, caused assurances to be given that the features objected to by this government, will not be in the bill when it becomes a law. No uneasiness is felt in Washington. Germany has more to lose than we have by the tariff war, and will not be likely to invite one. It is believed that the German Emperor is merely playing a little game of home politics in order to get support for some of his pet schemes, including a large appropriation for the increase of his navy.

President McKinley's message to congress, recommending that the money collected, under the Dingley tariff law, on Porto Rican products—some $2,000,000—and that which will be collected until the new law goes into effect be used for the benefit of Porto Rico, which is in such immediate need of money, was a surprise to the Democrats, but not to the Republican leaders, who knew that it was to follow the passage of the Porto Rico tariff bill, being a part of the plan to give the island the money it needs for immediate public expenditures. The house deserves credit for the promptness with which it met the President's recommendation by passing a bill placing the money at his disposal. The Democrats, with a few exceptions, opposed the bill, which was passed by a vote of 165 to 107, although acknowledging it to be a good one and to be necessary. They explained their adverse votes by the flimsy excuse that they objected because the bill placed the money at the President's disposal, instead of appropriating it for specific purposes. The senate will pass the bill without any unnecessary delay. Then the rejuvenation of Porto Rico will be assured, as this money, together with the 15 per cent, duty which will be imposed by the new tariff bill for two years, will furnish ample revenues for the time being. But the best thing about the bill giving the President authority to use the money already collected, for the benefit of Porto Rico, is that it heads off the Democratic attempt to make political capital by claiming that the Republicans were disposed to be unjust to the Porto Ricans.

All the testimony has been taken in the Clark bribery case, and a very disgusting lot of testimony it was, too, almost without exception. March 20 has been set to begin the hearing of arguments, each side to have six hours to speak in and be allowed to file printed briefs.

It is now practically certain that the house committee on rules, will report a rule for the consideration of the Hepburn Nicaraguan Canal bill, and there is little doubt that the bill will be passed by a large majority.

No time has been set for voting on the Quay case, and since his being seated became a certainty, his friends are not disposed to hurry senators who wish to make speeches on the case.

P. C. BOYLE of the Oil City Derrick, was the first to buy a lot at New Orange, N. J., and pay $1,000 for it, to start the movement looking toward the establishment of a national home for aged and indigent journalists.—Newspaperdom, Feb. 22. This action on the part of Mr. Boyle is certainly commendable and shows what every man who has ever worked for him can testify to—that there is no more generous man to the printer than he is. This can also be said by every man in his employ, from the editorial department down to the galley boy. Br'er Boyle is a newspaper man through and through.—Franklin News.

We have saved many doctor bills since we began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in our home. We keep a bottle open all the time and whenever any of my family or myself begin to catch cold we begin to use the Cough Remedy, and as a result we never have to send away for a doctor and incur a large doctor bill, for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never fails to cure. It is certainly a medicine of great merit and worth.—D. S. Mearkle, general merchant and farmer, Mattie, Bedford county, Pa. For sale by L. K Hogarth & Co.

For Sale.

The Sprague brick building at corner of Main and Fulton streets. Inquire of W. D. Gallup or write Mrs. Emma J. Sprague, Buffalo, N. Y.

INCANDESCENT BURNERS, mantles and chimneys are cheapest and best at HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S.

Twenty dollars buys a No. 1 Portland cutter at A. T. Palmer's Smethport, Pa.

Another Democratic Issue.

Philadelphia Press.

Campaign issues are piling upon the Democracy thick and fast. The fear that the party would have no cry to go to the country on has been dissipated and the question is now which issue will it choose from the many at hand. Instead of a dearth there is plenty; instead of a famine, abundance.

The latest freak of good fortune which has come to the Democratic hopper is the request of the railroads that the party change the date for the meeting of its national convention. The railroads claim that for a period of four or five days covering the Fourth of July they are overburdened with work. The celebration of the national holiday brings to them a greatly increased passenger traffic and often every passenger car is pressed into service. This is especially true of the west, where, it is estimated, that two-thirds of the population in many localities make railroad journeys on or around July 4. To accommodate this traffic and to attend properly to the thousands who will want to go to Kansas City to attend the Democratic national convention, the railroads claim, will be practically impossible, and it was suggested that some other date be chosen.

Here was a chance the Democracy could not afford to miss. Chairman Jones can be depended upon to recognize an issue when he sees one, just as he recognized those 25 cent "pants" he saw in a store window when he was in Europe last summer. When interviewed on the subject, Mr. Jones remarks:—

"I can hardly believe that the railroads will ask the Democratic party to do anything, much less change the date of its national convention. The claim that the natural business of the roads at that season of the year is so great that they will be unable to take care of the added business of the convention will hardly hold. The Democratic convention in 1896 was held a few days after the Fourth of July. I happen to know that nearly all the travel to it was done just before the Fourth. The railroads did not object then to the added traffic. I cannot understand their objection now. They have not been very friendly to the Democrats since 1896, but as nearly as I can find out have done everything in their power to hamper them. If they propose to charge persons who will have to attend the convention full rates simply because the convention is to be held on the Fourth of July, then I suppose we will have to pay the rates. Democrats are getting used to that, however, and will not mind it much. The convention will be held on the Fourth of July."

Assistant Chairman Stone, of Missouri, is equally emphatic and says the date for the meeting of the convention will not be changed "even if it were deemed advisable to give any consideration to the attitude of the railroads." Congressman Clayton of Alabama thinks it is a scheme to insist on full fares and adds that "the Democrats are getting used to paying full fares," although he does not give these McKinley times any credit for the fact. And Committeeman Guffey of Pennsylvania believes it a good sign that the railroads "pause" long enough to recognize the fact that "the Democratic party is going to have a convention," while Judge Blanchard, of Louisiana, says "it is kind of the railroads to give us a chance to reconsider our call." Ex-Senator Gorman probably expressed the final decision when he said: "As to putting the date further off or bringing it back, I think it out of the question."

So here is an issue. The monopolistic railroads are trying to bulldoze the Democracy and prevent its meeting in national convention July 4 and reenacting the Declaration of Independence, George Washington's farewell address, Andrew Jackson's message against the banks, Abraham Lincoln's emancipation proclamation, Aguinaldo's manifesto and a few other things not appropriated by the Republicans. Shall the railroads be permitted to accomplish their fell purpose? Shall the party of James K. Polk, Franklin Pierce and James Buchanan submit to such extortion? Not if Paul Revere's lantern can prevent it. Not if the delegate from the Pan Handle of Texas knows his duty. So the situation is changed and by one of those strange freaks of fortune the Democratic party, which a short time ago was making a Diogenes hunt for an issue, is now able to go before the people on the plea that it is being ground under the iron heel of the "octopus" railroads.

Biggest Man in the State Dead.

Emporium Independent

Wm. H. Lutz, probably the heaviest man in Pennsylvania, died at his home in Reading last week, aged 45 years. He had been sick for several weeks with stomach trouble. When weighed just before his recent illness he tipped the scales at 523 pounds. At one time he weighed 537 pounds. Lutz was a hatter by trade. He was a son of David H. Lutz, a wealthy hat manufacturer. About ten years ago he inherited $25,000 from his father's estate. At that time he was a man of magnificent physique, over six feet tall and built in proper proportion. He worked hard then in the hat factory. He developed a most extraordinary appetite. It was a custom of his to go to an oyster house and order a barrel of oysters. He would eat a hundred or more at a single sitting and tell the proprietor to "keep the balance for his next lunch." He was known to consume the half of a large turkey at one meal, and, it is said, he would frequently drink a sixth of a barrel of beer a day.

Try Mason's 15c mantles.

Clerk's Notice in Bankruptcy.

IN THE District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania. William M. Swanson of Kane, McKean county, Pennsylvania, a bankrupt under the Act of Congress of July 1, 1898, having applied for a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said Act, notice is hereby given to all known creditors and others in interest, to appear before the said Court at Pittsburg, in said District, on the 27th day of March, 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

WILLIAM T. LINDSEY, Clerk.

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The Right Man in the Right Place.

We have secured the services of Mr. J. A. Carlon, who has charge of our Merchant Tailoring Department. Mr. Carlon comes to us well recommended from one of the leading establishments of New York. He will be glad to meet all the old and new customers. Our new Spring Suitings have arrived, and are ready for your inspection. Also the Spring Fashion Plate which contains some very attractive styles.

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Granulated sugar 5½c.
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Best Boneless pork 8c
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Best leaf lard, 5 pound pail, 43c
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Trout 95c.
Best 60c teas 40 & 45c lb.
1lb box honey 13c.
Mocha & Java coffee 25c lb.
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Best corn starch 5 & 7c pkg.
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¼ lb. packages French's best spices, any kind, 8c.
Yeast Foam 4c pkg.
25c vanilla & lemon extract 10c.
Olives 13c bottle.
Bottled pickles 10c.
Large spiced pickles 10c doz.
10c assorted tumbler jelly 5c.
American sardines 4c box.
Imported sardines 22c box
Salmon 10, 13 & 16c.
Tomatoes 9c can or 3 for 25c.
Corn 9c can or 3 for 25c.
Best Lima beans 9c or 3 for 25c
String beans 9c or 3 for 25c.
Early June peas 7c or 3 for 20c.

As you all well know we undersell on flour for have we not proved it to you by selling T. & C. Best at 5 to 10c sack less than others were selling at. Can't you see that no one dares to meet our every day prices without they make a special sale day? Don't you think it pays to buy for cash prices? Why do we sell so close or give away goods as some of the old regulars say. Well it is because we carry many lines of goods, and a small sure profit on each article helps to make a fair profit at the year's end. There is no trust and no guess work. Above prices good while present stock lasts.

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6-foot Simonds saw $1.95.
Warranted 26-inch handsaw 37c
16-inch saw 10c.
Meat saws 25c.
Plumb and level, 30, 40 & 50c.
Steel squares 30 & 70c.
Gimlet bits 5c each.
Best Jennings pattern extension lip, royal blue finish bits, set 6, at $1.05.
8-inch wing dividers 24c
Tri & bevel square at 24c. Do you know what others charge for these goods? Price them and see
Go devils 13c lb. (best goods).
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Don't be fooled and pay fancy prices, my goods are as good as the best.

Harness straps 2, 3 & 4c each. Bits 10c. Halter ropes 10c. Curry comb and cards 10c.

Remember this week we make special prices on tinware. We sell the white metal knives and forks that will not tarnish for $1.25 Set, 6 spoons 24 & 40c. Warranted razors and pocket knives. Best steel shears 25 & 65c. warranted steel and hand forged. 5 and 10c glassware. Best ready mixed house and furniture paints at low prices.

CLOTHING DEPT.

You all know that we positively do undersell. We are to-day selling 9 oz duck 75c overalls at 50c pair. Men's double back and front and double-sewed work shirts at 48c. We have the common cheap ones at 25 and 30c, but it pays to buy the best. In dress shirts something nice with collars and cuffs 48c and 75c, also silk fronts at $1. In work pants we sell them at 65c to $1.10 in cottons; wool from $1.50 to $3.50 for our finest. You all know that it is no lie when I say that I slashed the paints that others sold at $3.50 and $4.00 down, DOWN, DOWN to $2.25. This seems wonderful to you. Too big a story for those that do not know to believe, but it is a fact as many can testify. Then does it not pay you to trade at the Racket. No wonder they all hate the Old Man Racket, who hasn't helped the rich, but the laboring class the class that deserves help. When I die it will be with a clear conscience, no robbing the poor or working class for me.

TOBACCO DEPT.

We keep our tobaccos in a glass case with jars of water. It is free from dust and dirt and not dried hard. This is why we do a good trade in tobacco, both smoking & chewing. We also carry a good line of tobies and segars. We give 2 good 5c segars for 5c. Our Racket 40c chewing tobacco is a winner. Nothing but praise from chewers. Try it.

30c pipes go at 15c.

CONFECTIONERY DEPT.

Do you like good, fresh, clean candies? If so come to the Racket.

Best stick 12c lb.

Commercial mixed 10c lb.

40c grade bon ton chocolate drops go at 20c.

French creams 16c lb. Many other kinds at 16 & 20c.

Fancy high grade candies 25c lb. and we keep a nice choice line of 10c goods, also fruits and nuts. This is why the little ones flock to the Racket, none of them afraid of the Old Man Racket's scowl, cross looks and words.

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Our Picture or Art Gallery includes beautiful scenes, faces and forms, ranging from 10c to $3.00 each. Nothing beautifies and makes home so cheerful as a nice collection of pictures.

PERFUME DEPT.

Perfumes, Toilet Articles and Patent Medicines.

We can boast of the most expensive perfume in town. Just think, $5 an ounce. [illegible] perfumes are [illegible] at one price. [illegible] many articles to name. Give them a trial. Good costly goods and are recommended highly—Elysian Company make.

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$4 & $6 clocks, 8 day strike, for $2.25. 8 day calendar $4.25. Sunrise alarm 85c. Silverwear goods and novelties.

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Wood and iron beds $6.25 to $7.75.

Wire spring beds $2.15 to $4.13 (all steel).

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Wood sewing rocker $1.22. Best high back dining room chair, set 6, $4.55, others cheaper. Parlor chair, ratan seat, $5.25, set 6. Fancy back ratan or willow rockers $2.25 to $4.50. Six foot Xtension tables $5 to $7. Ladies' writing desk $4.75. China closet or bookcase $4 to $6.00. Children's nursery and high chairs also rockers. Many other article too numerouous to mention, but you see the prices are very low on all the above articles.

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We cannot be beat on the most beautiful 100 piece blue set, such as grandmother used to use at $14.90. Imported goods (English ware), also many other 100 pieces sets. All plain white dishes sold by the piece.

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Shoes for old and young.

Men's xtra long legged shoes xtra heavy taps, good as the Wisconsin shoe, but we do not charge you $4. Our price is $2.85 and $3.45. Dress shoes go at $1.40 to $2.25. We have a good low top xtra heavy tapped work shoe at $2.25 that is O. K., also low top light factory shoe at $1.25.

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Ladies' kangaroo work shoe, nickel and clinched, made for mud and wear $1.30.

Ladies light dress shoes $1.50 to $2.75.

We also have some old stock at a bargain, $2 and $3.50 goods, sizes run 1 to 2½, these go at 75c pair, mostly hand turned—these we do not warrant.

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Ladies' shirt waists 45c to $1.

Wrappers, night gowns, under and outer skirts, hose, handkerchiefs, ties, capes, etc.

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Lace curtains 50 to $1.40.

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Household furnishings of all kinds.

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All work promptly attended to and satisfaction guaranteed. Gas, steam and water fitting.

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Many of our best dinner sets are now purchased in "open stock" patterns for the convenience of those who wish to buy in installments.

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We carry one hundred styles of dinner sets, all sold under warrant not to craze. All Haviland's latest styles are here. All imported china comes to us direct from the makers. In this way we save a large percentage for you.

Dinner Sets from $6.75 to $250.

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Four kinds of enameled ware—Aluminum ware. Every convenience on the market.

Reliable Gas Ranges.

There is no other gas range that even compares with the Reliable. Come and we will show you twenty points in which it excells all others.

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Feb. 27, 1900.

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Smethport, Pa.

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Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best natural gas belt in the State.

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Endless quantities of the best glass sandstone in the world.

Mountains of shale rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone and flagging in abundance, which can be secured cheaply.

Endless quantities of hardwood lumber, such as beech, maple, birch, elm, ash, etc.

Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,000, and is growing rapidly, has elegant public buildings; a first class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are lumbering, two large window glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Backus Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1480 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the State, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of Nunundah and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—See Hamlin's new ad.

—Treasurer's sales on fourth page this week.

—There are only three prisoners in the county jail at present.

—Lindholm & Co.'s new ad dwells on spring goods. It will pay you to read it.

—The toothpick factory at Bradford burned to the ground yesterday. Estimated loss $25,000.

—The Riddell House, Bradford, will be closed on March 16, preparatory to tearing down and rebuilding.

—H. G. Phelps, J. S. Banks and W. B. Hood were taken to the western penitentiary the first of the week.

—The heavy fall of snow during the past week will probably have considerable effect on the lumber market.

—J. C. Cunningham is making some improvements on his Main street property recently purchased of C. O. Anderson.

—A corps of engineers for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. is at Mt. Jewett surveying for a route from Wilcox to Buffalo.

—The Potter Democrat became seven years old last week. It is one of our best exchanges and we wish it continued success.

—Palmer & Strong have purchased the stock and trade of the plumbing firm of Coleman & Bell. The latter firm will go out of business in this place.

—Judge Mitchell is reported to be steadily improving. He expects to go to the Medico-Chi. hospital in Philadelphia next Friday for treatment.—Wellsboro Agitator.

—Fancy dress goods and silks are the the articles discussed in Fry & Herzog's new ad this week. This firm is attending to the wants of the public most satisfactorily.

—A horse belonging to Andrew Ness ran away Wednesday morning. In trying to make the turn at Mechanic street the cutter collided with a telephone pole, breaking it up badly.

—D. M. Brasted shipped 500 ice cream bricks to Brookville Wednesday for a reception given by the Memorial home committee. Evidently Dan's ice cream is becoming popular.

—Shillenn & Torrence, merchant tailors, announce the opening of their establishment in the Chadwick block in a new ad this week for Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10. These gentlemen guarantee to furnish you the latest style patterns and first-class workmanship. Give them a trial.

—The new ordinance relating to manner of governing the volunteer firemen is is being heartily condemned by the Bradford fire fighters, and from what we learn of it it should be.

—List of letters remaing in the post office at Smethport for the week ending March 3: James Cavender, Clayton Fairbanks, Frank Frazie, Mrs. Maude Hall, W. B. Wooldridge.

—R. C. Gleason is making some extensive improvements in his gallery. He has had a new maple floor laid, the interior painted and when he has finished papering will have very artistic quarters.

—A. E. Stickles has a broad gauge ad in this issue in which he calls attention to his mammoth stock of goods. It will pay buyers to read his ad and call at the Racket when in need of anything in his line.

—Smethport should have street lights, 50 more dwelling houses, a first-class opera house, a good band and orchestra, several manufacturing plants, another large hotel and a Fourth of July celebration.

—Andrews & Conkling, the house furnishers of Olean, have a change of ad in this issue. The firm is always to the front in style and quality and purchasers will make no mistake in giving them a trial.

—Elisha J. Moody died at his home in Moody Hollow, near Coryville, on Saturday, March 3, of paralysis, aged 74 years and 6 months. Mr. Moody was an old resident of the county and highly respected.

—The Bradford correspondent to the Grit makes the startling assertion that Elisha K. Kane's railroad is running in opposition to the B. R. & P. This is indeed strange, as Mr. Kane's trains use the B. R. & P. tracks for a large part of the distance between Smethport and Bradford.

—As an illustration of how the advance in cost of paper has affected publishers the Greensburg Tribune says: The paper on which this journal is printed has increased in price during the past four months. Paper that we paid $904 for five months ago cost us $1,703 on February 1.

—About 15 young people of this borough enjoyed a straw ride to the home of Miss Lydia Burlingame, at Kasson, last night. A very enjoyable evening was spent and the party returned home at about 3 a. m. very much pleased with the trip and the entertainment furnished them by the hospitable Burlingame family.

—At the first regular meeting of the newly elected borough council the following appointments were made: Jas. A. McKean, president; Jonathan Colegrove, treasurer; Mrs. L. E. Colegrove, secretary; E. R. Mayo & Son, solicitors; George Gerritt, street commissioner. These appointments are most excellent ones.

—A party of ten of our popular young people composed of Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Seger, Misses Orra King and Bessie Bussey and Willit Palmer and A. D. Doyle drove to Hazelhurst on Monday evening and enjoyed the hospitality of Landlord Eckert. All speak highly of his entertainment.

—On Saturday last, at the instance of Jas. Doyle the election board of Mt. Jewett borough, composed of C. H. Williams, judge and W. L. Cakins and Ed. Nelson, inspectors, were arrested on the charge of making false returns. These gentlemen were held for their appearance at the next term of court in the sum of $150 each. All furnished bail.

—On Saturday last Mr. William Sloppy a popular young glass worker, and Miss Eve, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bender, both of Smethport, were married in the parlors of the Grand Central hotel Olean. The happy couple returned home the same evening and will reside with the bride's parents for a short time. The MINER with a host of friends tenders congratulations.

—Gabriel Bishop of Cuba, N. Y. charged with causing the death of Everitt Austin, was found guilty of manslaughter in the second degree at a court in Belmont last week. The jury recommended mercy in his case and sentence was deferred until Friday of this week. Bishop discharged a stick of dynamite under a cottage in which Everitt was sleeping last summer.

—Elisha K. Kane's railroad is doing a good business between here and Newton. Besides running two through trains each way between Bradford and Smethport his passenger trains connect with the B. R. & P. flyers for Bradford, Buffalo, and Pittsburg. This service reduces the time from here to Bradford and Buffalo about one hour and with such advantages cannot help becoming popular.

—The Salvation Army has decided that a servant may say that her mistress is "not at home" without damage to her veracity, even if she knows the lady in the case is in the house and disinclined to see visitors. "Not at home" in such cases means simply not at home to an undesirable acquaintance. The Salvation Army has performed a very satisfactory duty in this particular at least.—Oil City Derrick.

—Isaac Fry died at his home in South Bend, Ind., on Friday of last week at an advanced age. Mr. Fry had gone to the barn to make ready some farming implements for spring work. A short time after a member of the family found him dead where he had been working. He was the only brother of Mrs. Wm. Ramer of this place. Mrs. Sam'l McClure and Sam'l Ramer, niece and nephew of the deceased, went to South Bend and attended the funeral which was held yesterday.

—The depot of the Kushequa and Smethport railroad in this borough is finished and now E. K. Kane has one of the finest arranged depots in the county. The building is fitted with hot and cold water, closets and bath for the employes. The waiting room and office are finished in natural wood and each are lighted with Welsbach lights on two large chandeliers. Palmer & Strong did the plumbing and the work proves them to be gentlemen who understand their business.

—The need for more dwelling houses in Smethport is growing more apparent every day. A prominent glass worker said the other day that if there were fifty or a hundred more houses in this place we would have the best town in McKean county. It is absolutely useless to try to induce other industries to locate here until we can furnish homes for the laborers. Let some of our monied citizens build comfortable tenement houses. There is money in it and besides it will help the town.

—On Sunday morning death again entered our town and claimed, this time, Martha Malone, daughter of John F. Malone, aged two years and three months. Little Martha was one of the brightest and most interesting amongst the children in the town and was the favorite of all who knew her, both old and young. Interment took place on Tuesday afternoon at Mt. Nebo cemetery, Rev O. H. Nickle officiating. Mr. Malone's father and mother of Huntingdon county were present at the funeral.—Mt. Jewett News.

—In response to a letter of inquiry written by A. M. Thamm of this office, the Assistant Adjutant General of the war department says that no news of the sickness or death of Claude E. LeFevre has been received. A communication addressed to him Pvt. Band 46 U. S. Vol. Infantry, Manila, P. I., should reach him.

—The mercantile business of Messrs. Ryan & Hungiville was sold through the real estate agency of Geo. W. Halliwell, to Mrs. Emma Melat, who took posession at two o'clock this afternoon. The retiring firm are both well known gentlemen who have made many friends during the time they have been in business and the Republican wishes them success wherever they may conclude to locate.—Kane Republican of Friday.

—The hired girl problem is summed up by an exchange in the following: The trouble is the ideal hired girl won't stay a hired girl. The womanly ability which makes her such a treasure as a housekeeper, is very soon sized up by some sensible man, who finds that he can get his house cared for more cheaply to take such a girl for his wife than he can to pay her weekly wages, and so she goes the way of all women and pretty soon wants a hired girl herself.

—The P. H. C. excursion to Mt. Jewett, which was held on Tuesday evening, was well patronized by members and friends. Over one hundred people took in this trip. The P. H. C visited the Mt. Jewett Circle and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After the regular order of business an entertaining program was well rendered in which both visitors and hosts took part, at the close of which most delicious refreshments were served. At 12:30 the happy party departed for home, all well satisfied with the treatment they received at the hands of the Mt. Jewett brothers and sisters.

—Rev. E. E. Helms lectured at the M. E. church Tuesday evening on "Moody and Ingersol." Rev. Helms was formerly pastor of the church in Smethport, and his admirers were out in force Tuesday night to hear him. The lecturer handled the subject in his usual vigorous style, his wonderful vocabulary and forceful delivery causing a feeling of enthusiastic appreciation to possess all hearers, no matter what their convictions might be in regard to the subject of discussion. Rev. Helms' pulpit lectures are meeting with richly deserved notoriety, and it is the earnest desire of all listeners to Tuesday night's discourse that he may soon be heard again in Smethport.

—James Glean, a farmer living near Littlesburg, W. Va., killed his daughter and her lover and then cut his own throat recently. Glean had forbidden his daughter, Ellen, aged 17, to keep company with Albert Marsh, aged 23, from Spanishburg, but on returning home yesterday found his daughter entertaining young Marsh. He ordered Marsh to leave at once. They quarreled and Glean with his shot gun attempted to shoot Marsh. Ellen rushed between them, the shot taking effect in the girl's throat killing her instantly. Glean discharged the other barrel, shooting Marsh through the the bowels, he dying soon. Glean then cut his own throat and fell dead.—Ex.

—Last week a committee representing the Pan-American exposition managers visited the state of Ohio in the effort to influence the legislature of that state to appropriate $100,000 for a suitable Ohio exhibit at the Buffalo exposition. Mr. F. S. Oakes, president of the village of Cattaraugus, but doing business in Buffalo, was a member of the committee sent to Ohio, and he writes the Times that Gov. Nash detailed Col. Melville Gillett of his staff as an escort of the committee. Mr. Oakes speaks most highly of Mr Gillett's courtesy to the committee and the further fact that he wielded effectual influence to further the exposition cause. He says Gillett has a high standing with the public men of Ohio. He was an Olean resident until very recently and his rapid progress along the lines of distinction and influence is gratifying news to his many friends in this city.—Olean Times.

—Jacob Liston of Stewart, Union county, committed suicide the other day and the reason given for it is a remarkable experience which he passed through six months before. It is stated that Liston was sitting with his family one day when he jumped to his feet, apparently in great pain, and exclaimed, "Did you see that awful lightning?" He clasped his hand to his jaw and said: "My God! my jaw-bone has been broken into a thousand pieces." The family were positive that there was no lightning or thunder, but Liston appeared to be deafened and blinded by it. His jaws were bleeding, and a doctor removed thirty-five pieces of shattered bone from the wound. Five years ago Liston had been badly poisoned by an anaesthetic while having teeth pulled, and suffered from it for a long time. He was full of hallucinations after he lost his jaw, and while despondent and alone, he blew the top of his head off with a shotgun.—Potter Democrat.

Murder and Suicide.

A terrible tragedy took place at Bolivar, N. Y., Thursday morning of last week and two men are dead and two widows are left to mourn as a result.

E. H. Mead shot and killed Bert Wixon, his brother-in-law, and then shot himself in the head. Both men were dead when found.

About 9 o'clock Ira G. Voorhies went to the wagon repairing shop of Mead & Wixon and on entering found Wixon lying dead on the floor, with a bullet hole in his head. Assistance was summoned and the dead man laid out, when some one went up stairs over the shop and there on the floor lay Mead, also dead.

He was shot in the temple. On the floor by his hand lay a revolver with two exploded shells in it. It is claimed the relations between the two men were anything but pleasant, and it is supposed that during a quarrel the deed was done.

A man named E. Presson, of Pressonville, Kans., wrote a letter the other day, saying the opinion of everybody in his town who has used Foley's Honey and Tar is, that it is the very best medicine for la grippe, colds, coughs, etc. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Fancy imported comports, salads, creams and nut dishes rec'd this week. Also beautiful $1 plates in Vienna designs. Racket Store.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have about 50 beautiful gold fish for sale. They are beauts and no mistake. Come early and secure first choice. tf

Tin ware sale this week. Cut prices. White metal knives and forks, warranted not to tarnish, $1.25 set 6. Racket.

Send to us for "TRUTHS ABOUT HAMMAR PAINT" tells you all about how to paint your own house. HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

Work and dress shoes at low prices. Pants and shirts old-time price. Hardware cut in price. Racket.

The mantles sold at Mason's for 15c are all right, and certainly there is a great saving in cost.

4 lbs fresh soda crackers 25c, best ham 11c lb, 8 lbs best oat flake 25c, best corn starch 5c pkg. Racket.

Mason has an A1 mantle for 15c. Try it.

A New Industry.

The Backus Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant commenced operations Monday morning. The first order of books to be turned out was a batch of 150 for the Olean House at Olean.

A visit to the plant revealed everything in first-class running order, and through the courtesy of Messrs. Backus and Kidder the writer was shown the various machines and had their uses explained and illustrated in a comprehensive manner. A 10 horse-power Struthers, Wells & Co. gas engine, located in the basement of the factory, furnishes motive power for the machinery. The plant has in operation three power presses for die work, a milling machine for making the combination checks, a large drill press, a sensitive drill press, three sets of wire formers, which turn out springs and small devices used in the hook at a rapid rate, emery wheels, polishers, etc.

About six men will be given steady employment for the first two months, but it is expected that a steady increase in the sale of the hooks will soon make a larger working force necessary. The hooks will be made by skilled labor under the personal supervision of the inventor, J. C. Backus, and every one will be in perfect working order before it leaves the factory.

This clever device, unless all present indications fail, will be one of the best money and labor saving arrangements ever put on the market for the use of hotel men and keepers of public places. The principle on which the little machine works is simple, but it is a most serviceable protection against the loss by mistake, carelessness or theft of hats or garments left in check rooms. When a coat or hat is placed and locked on a Backus hook it cannot be removed, unless torn or cut from the receptacle, until the proper check or key which unlocks the hook is used. Any tampering in an improper way with the mechanism at once causes an electric alarm bell to ring. The hook is so constructed that a garment is not injured in the least nor is the shape impaired. The hooks are made of iron, the locking device of sheet steel, and the checks of aluminum and brass.

The members of the stock company, who are placing the hook on the market, appear entirely satisfied with their venture and well they may! The possibilities of the invention are great. No similar device of a practical nature has ever been invented. The Backus hook was first patented April 12, 1898, and since the electrical feature was again patented on Feb. 8, 1900. Applications will soon be made to have the invention patented abroad. Every effort will be made by the promoters to properly introduce the hook throughout the country and there is no question of its success under these circumstances as it has given perfect satisfaction wherever tested.

Counterfeiters Arrested.

From exchanges the following facts are gleaned in regard to the recent arrests of Potter county counterfeiters: Claude C. Kimball, a photographer of Coudersport, and George Austin, a farmer who resides on Tamarac mountain, between Cross Forks and Renovo, have been arrested, charged with making counterfeit notes, and a complete outfit was found at the home of the latter. The arrests were made by W. J. Filon of Pittsburg, a detective in the employ of the United States Secret Service Bureau. Other persons are said to be implicated in the crime.

Austin was arrested at his home on Sunday and Kimball was taken at a barber shop in Coudersport on Monday evening. The counterfeit bills were of the denominations of fives and tens. The former were on the Gallatin National Bank of New York city and the tens on the First National Bank, of Hornellsville, N. Y. At Austin's house were found printing press, tools and paper used in making the bogus money, a specially constructed camera and a large quantity of the counterfeit bank notes of $5 and $10 denominations. Sheriff Farnsworth was furnished with a clew as to the operations of the men by a prisoner in the county jail. Obtaining some of the bogus money he sent it to government officials, and otherwise materially assisted in unearthing the counterfeiters.

Both Kimball and Austin are well known in Potter county and have always borne a good reputation. Austin is a widower, about sixty years of age, and is a well to-do farmer. Kimball is married but has not lived with his family for several years. He formerly lived at Westfield, where his family now resides. He denies his guilt, but the detectives declare that circumstantial evidence incriminates him.

It has been known for some time that counterfeit money was being freely circulated in Potter county. The prisoners were taken to Scranton on Wednesday morning, where they will be arranged before the United States Commissioner and if the evidence produced is strong enough to hold them they will be held to await the action of the United States grand jury.

Money When You Want It.

How your Savings Will Become an Earning Factor for You.

It is not difficult to make money, but 'tis to save it properly. The Pittsburgh Bank for Savings, No. 210 Fourth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., offers assistance in the form of absolute security to all depositors, and the opportunity of the deposits earning 4 per cent. interest, compounded twice a year, which gives you money when you want it in addition to your savings. You can secure these advantages by mail as well as in person. Write or call for booklet describing how to bank by mail at this bank with over 17,000 depositors and over $5,000,000 on deposit.

Buggies and Carriages for Sale.

Fine, high grade, high panel back, park surry, stylish whip cord trimming, fancy lamps, double fenders. Several high grade buggies—one fine rubber tire job, long distance axles, rubber step pads, quick shifting shaft couplings, fine finish. If you want something nice in that line come and see me. A. T. PALMER,
Smethport, Pa.

A. K. DeBlenn, editor of the Journal, Doylestown, Ohio, suffered for a number of years from rheumatism in his right shoulder and side. He says: "My right arm at times was entirely useless. I tried Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and was surprised to receive relief almost immediately. The Pain Balm has been a constant companion of mine ever since and it never fails." For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Farmers, why plant old or mixed varieties of seed potatoes when you can get new and vigorous seed at farmers prices? Carman No. 1 for main crop beats them all. The Early Bovee and Early Fortune are good early varieties. Pure seed of the above for sale at 50c and 75c per bu. Reduction on large quantities. Supply limited, order early. Remember that last year I could not fill near all my orders.
A. L. GALLUP.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my store and stock of general merchandise, at Clermont, Pa., cheap for cash. This is an opportunity for the right person. Reason for sell is ill health. LAWRENCE BAYER,
5-tf Clermont, Pa.

One tierce fancy cups and saucers rec'd this week at Racket Store. Beauties at 10, 18, 25 and 50c each.

Don't go without a cutter when you can buy a first class Portland of A. T. Palmer for $20.

Best copper boilers $2.45, best tin 90c and $1.90. Racket.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Waldo Sasse of Kane passed Sunday in town.

Con Cable was over from Bradford Monday.

Attorney J. E. Haughney of Eldred is in town.

B. F. Wright and Chas. Miller visited Olean Monday.

Miss Mary Mullin of Sartwell was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Rogers of Kane were in town Sunday.

F. L. Holmes and daughter, Ruth, visited Eldred Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Baldwin of Austin is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Bessie Scanlon spent Sunday with her parents in Colegrove.

Attorney H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett called at the MINER office Saturday.

Attorney J. E. Mullin of Kane had business at the county seat on Friday.

T. H. Garrity of Kushequa was registered at the Wright House Wednesday.

Auditor J. Lester Ward of Port Allegany visited this office while in town Saturday.

H. I. Solomon the piano tuner, of Olean was a pleasant caller at this office on Tuesday.

Jas. A. Perry, salesman for Bell Bros., Olean, is in town booking orders for the spring trade.

Mrs. F. L. Holmes returned this week from a visit with relatives in Buffalo and Rochester.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Helms and son Paul were guests of D. L. Forsythe and family this week.

Col. Burt Olson returned Sunday evening from a week's business visit in Bradford and Olean.

Mrs. D. W. Hubbard and children of Backus were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. McKean over Sunday.

Editor Tom McClellan of the Mt. Jewett Herald was in town Saturday and made the MINER a pleasant visit.

Mrs. V. J. Coleman and son, Lawrence, returned to their home in Port Allegany after a two weeks' visit with Smethport relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Seger returned from their wedding trip Friday and are pleasantly domiciled at the residence of Mrs. Mary A. Backus on Main street.

The Churches.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.
REV. DAY, Pastor.

The Second Sunday in Lent.

The celebration at 8 a. m. Matins, litany and sermon at 10:30 a. m. Subject of sermon, "Increase or Decrease of Blessings According to Use or Disuse." Sunday School at 12 m.

Evensong with sermon at 7:30 p. m. Subject of sermon: "Maturity vs. Childishness."

ALL SAINTS' CHAPEL.

Evensong with sermon at 2:30 p. m. Sunday School at 3:15 p. m.

ST. ELIZABETH'S CHURCH.
REV. FATHER COSGROVE, Pastor.
REV. FATHER DONAHUE, Assistant.

Mass at 10:30 a. m. Sunday School 3:00 p. m. Vespers and Benediction at 7:30.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.
REV. NORBERG, Pastor.

Services next Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Prayer meeting Tuesday night.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
REV. DR. WALKER, Pastor.

At 10:30 a. m., sermon. Subject: "Divine Gifts or Fullness in Jesus Christ." At 7:30 p. m. sermon. Subject: "True Penitence; or The Broken Heart." The pastor will discuss the necessary successive steps to experience true conversion of heart.

SWEDISH MISSION CHURCH.
REV. NORBERG, Pastor.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Free Methodist church will be held in the Swedish Mission church, March 23-25.

Preaching Friday at 7:45 p. m. by Rev. W. B. Rouge, D. E.

Preaching Saturday at 7:45 p. m.

Sunday, Love Feast at 9:00 a. m. Preaching at 1:30 p. m., followed immediately by the Lord's Supper. Rev. F. J. Barber, P. C.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
REV. T. D. WARE, Pastor.

Services in the new church at 10:30 a. m.

FARMERS VALLEY.

Mrs. D. W. Derby, who has been sick, is much better.

Elisha Moody died at his home in Moody Hollow last Friday.

Mrs. Ella Smith of Port Allegany has been visiting relatives in this place.

There is to be a dance held in Tyler's hall Friday, March 16th. Everybody is invited to attend, also do not forget the shamrock. Good music and supper.

Genevieve, the little daughter of Mrs. P. H. McGill, who has been very sick, is no better at this writing.

Taffy pulls are all the rage in East Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cleaver and son Morris took advantage of the snow last Sunday in having a sleighride.

Everell Stower, who has been at Bolivar, returned home last week looking well.

Master Ray McCall visited Smethport last week the guest of Eddie Glavin.

If troubled with rheumatism give Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. It will not cost you a cent if it does no good. One application will relieve the pain. It also cures sprains and bruises in one third the time required by any other treatment. Cuts, burns, frostbites, quinsy, pains in the side and chest, glandular and other swellings are quickly cured by applying it. Every bottle warranted. Price 25 and 50 cents. L. K. Hogarth & Co., druggists.

Horses for Sale.

Ten horses for sale, general purpose and drivers, 10 to 11 hundred pounds, good bargains. Time given on good security. A. T. PALMER.
Smethport, Pa., March ., 1900.

The tumblers of best pure assorted jelly 5c each. 3 cans tomatoes, beans, corn or pumpkin 25c. 1 lb pure spices 8c. Racket.

Do you want to save money? You can by a No. 1 Portland cutter at A. T. Palmer's, Smethport, for $20.

SAVE YOUR MONEY by going to HOLMES & GILFILLAN'S for builder's hardware, nails, etc.

Beautiful dec. sauce and oat meal dishes, fruit bowls and stands at the Racket.

Spring Patterns and Samples.

I have on hand a complete line of Spring patterns and samples, and can please my customers with up-to-date goods and workmanship. Call and get prices.

JOHN MILLER, The Tailor,
TRACEY BUILDING,
Main St. Smethport.

We Want Your Trade.

an exquisite line of

Neckwear,
Shirts,
Hossiery,
Hats.
Underwear,

A Full Assortment of Dent's and Fown's Celebrated Dress and Walking ....Gloves....

Also an immense line of fine and medium grade umbrellas for ladies or gentlemen. We call special attention to our beautiful stock of Children's Reefers, Blouse Suits and Top Overcoats.

Men's and Boy's Suits and Overcoats.

All New Goods. Prices the Lowest.

IKE SIMONS,
46 Main St. Bradford, Pa.

JONES & CHURCH
dealers in
Fresh and
Salt Meats,
Poultry, Fish
and Vegetables

We pay the highest cash price for fat stock, poultry, hides and pelts. Give us a call.

Main St, Smethport, Pa.

C. J. Vanblad,
Practical Horseshoer.

Special attention paid to sore feet and all diseases that can be cured by careful shoeing. Am agent for the Dornan Expansion Shoe.

WATER ST SMETHPORT, PA.

Blankets and Robes.

The season for Blankets and Robes is here and at this store you can always find

Just What You Want.

Full line of Trunks, Telescopes, Suit Cases, Traveling Bags, etc., at popular prices. Harness. All the latest styles in single or double, light and heavy harness.

Chas. Lemmler,
Smethport, Pa.

FOR 1900

I have received a large invoice of

Wall Paper,

all of the latest designs. Call at the

Furniture Store of Specht & Sasse

and examine my stock.

Experienced paper hangers furnished when desired, and all work gurranted.

C. SASSE,
Smethport, Pa.

Mansfield State Normal School.

A superior training school for teachers. Faculty, Location, Buildings and Equipments unexcelled. Largest model school. Infirmary with attendant nurse. Fine gymnasium. Large athletic park. Elevator, electric lights and steam heat.

Every facility for college preparatory work or special work in agriculture and nature study, elocution, art, music, etc., etc.

Fall term opens September 5; Winter term, December 4; Spring term, March 19.

Students can enter at any time, though it is to their advantage to enter at the beginning of a term.

For catalogue giving full information respecting courses of study, expenses, etc., address

A. T. SMITH, Ph. D., Principal,
Mansfield, Pa.

P. S.—We will esteem it a favor if you will send us the names and addresses of any of your acquaintances who are interested in the selection of a school.

Election Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that an election will be held at the usual place of holding elections in the School District of the borough of Smethport on Tuesday, April 10, 1900, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. for the purpose of obtaining the assent of the electors of said school district to an increase of its indebtedness.

The amount of the last assessed valuation of the taxable property of said district is [illegible]
The amount of existing debt is [illegible]
The proposed increase of debt is [illegible]
The per centage of the proposed increase [illegible]

The debt is to be increased for the purpose of building a new school house for said school district. E. R. MAYO, President.

Attest:
J. N. FORSYTHE, Sec'y.
Smethport, March 8, 1900.

Charter Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the governor of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Friday, March 30, 1900, by C. F. Wright, C. C. Pratt, A. A. [illegible], J. R. Wilcox and L. W. Lick, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 29, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Susquehanna Oil Company," the character and object of which is the production of petroleum and gas, and for this purpose to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.
ROWLEY & GALLUP, Solicitors.
Smethport, Pa., March 8, 1900.

A. T. PALMER,
LIVERY, FEED & SALE STABLES.
For Sale.
Horses, Carriages, Wagons, Harness, Etc. Cutters and Robes.
Smethport, - Penn.
March 1, 1900.

EMIL THAMM,
MANUFACTURER OF
Fine Cigars.
Wholesale and Retail Dealer.

Carter's Jewelry.

Having replenished my entire stock in every line, I would call your attention especially to my watch bargains. Nowhere in the county can you find better and cheaper than here. My jewelry line is complete in rings, bracelets, scarf pins, brooches, chains, &c. Also a good line of diamonds carried in stock. Several styles of badge pins in the Protective Home Circle and Maccabee order. In silverware the best grade of goods made—Rogers Bros. 1847—consisting of tea sets, salad sets, berry spoons, cold meat forks, cake forks, jelly servers, tea spoons in several patterns. Knives and forks. Fine line of sterling goods. Clocks of every description from the finest porcelain to the nickle alarm and these I have in the luminous dials and in the spadmodic alarm. A good line of optical goods, and in our repair department we cannot be excelled. We expect to see all our old customers and shall be glad to see new ones.

Respectfully,

MRS. E. G. CARTER,
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Your roses are scenting the air,
And I dream of our love troth long ago
Down in the garden there.
Marigolds, hollyhocks, prince's feather,
Bowed low in the dim, soft light,
As under the willow tree by the gate
I kissed you and said, "Good night."

Ah, sweetheart mine, with the pale, mute lips,
We have had our measure of rue;
The clouds were dark and the skies were fair,
But you forever were true.
And now as I sit in the dark alone
I would give the world to know
The way through the years to that faroff field
Where simples for heartache grow.

Love fades, they say, when the pulse is old,
And I am threescore and ten,
But what I have learned with its bitter loss
Lies far beyond their ken;
For tomorrow they hide you away, sweetheart,
In the graveyard out of my sight,
So I heap the roses—God's roses—round you
And kiss you and say, "Good night."

—Christian Advocate.

The Three O'Clock Man

A Ghost That Was Banished by Resolution.

Carl Westerly left the office at a quarter to 3 o'clock. There seemed not to be the remotest danger of an extra that night, and the telegraph man had long since sent in his "30." For some reason or other Westerly was more than ordinarily tired. Perhaps it was his spirit that was weary. He was tired of the endless and relentless grind of newspaper work, tired of the newspaper point of view, tired of the whole round of life. He wondered if men who had a home knew how blessed they were and thought, with distaste, of his dismal room, where his thoughts alone kept him company. It was an uninviting room, as any one who saw it must have confessed, for Westerly did not have the trick of domesticating himself as some bachelors do.

He was a bachelor indeed. He had always lived in a womanless sort of way. Sometimes it came across him that he was missing the best part of his life in knowing nothing of them, but he was shy and reverent, and it appeared to be his lot to dwell alone and envy other men. So, what with loneliness and overwork and ennui, he was not at his best on this particular night. No car was in sight, and he concluded that he had just missed the hourly horse car which took belated workers homeward after the cable had ceased its buzzing for the day; so he started out to walk. He loitered for a time, half hoping some vehicle might come in sight, but the streets seemed deserted. So, after pausing a moment to admire the sinister picturesqueness of the Chicago river, with the lights gleaming upon its murky waters from masthead and high window, he started to cross the bridge.

A distant clock struck 3, and Westerly, aroused by it from his reverie, looked up to see a man just before him—a man who seemed to have come up out of the solid planks of the bridge. He wore a hat well back on his head and showed a long, horselike face, with a hooked nose and one blind eye. About him was a cape such as men wear over their evening clothes. All his garments were of a fine cut and quality, but worn with a noticeable negligence.

It was exceedingly curious, but as Westerly approached this man he felt a fear of him—not such a fear as one may be excused for feeling at meeting a stranger in an unlikely place at a late hour, but a fear of the nerves. It seemed to him that if, by any chance, that man were to touch him he would faint. He moved as far away from him as the limits of the footpath would permit, and passed him hastily, a coldness stealing along his veins as he did so. The man merely smiled in a sardonic fashion, lifting the eyebrow of the blind eye and dropping one corner of his mouth. It was an indescribable smirk and filled Westerly with aversion.

To the newspaper man's unspeakable annoyance the man followed him along the streets to his home, and after he was in his room he peered out of the window and saw him standing on the sidewalk looking up. Actually it seemed to him that he must shriek aloud for protection from this silent man. But he controlled himself and went to bed and slept—after a time.

The next night he confessed to some apprehension as he approached the bridge, and he looked out anxiously for his dread companion of the night before. He was not to be seen anywhere. But at about the center of the bridge there he was, looking at Westerly with that one haunting eye. Again he grinned. Again he followed Westerly to his house and again he stood without and stared up at the window.

This went on for nearly three months. If by any chance the young editor went home later or earlier than 3, he had the privilege of going his way alone, but if the hour was 3 the man was there, watchful and sardonic and silent as the tomb. At times Westerly thought of addressing him, but whenever he strove to do so his tongue clove to the roof of his mouth. He evaded him at times by changing the hour of his homegoing or by riding on the street car, but somehow he was insistently drawn back to the bridge and the Three o'Clock Man, as he denominated him. He sometimes wondered if he would see the man upon the bridge if he were to pass in a car, but no car went at that hour he was not to know.

It chanced that better times came to Westerly and that they came quite suddenly. He was given a more satisfactory position, which would involve a pleasing change of hours, and he also discovered that Elsa Sessions, the girl who did the book reviews and who had eyes several degrees bluer than the Italian heavens, was not averse to his society. But there is no need to go into that. The point is, he found out these two gratifying matters in one day and, walking home in a state of considerable exultation, noticed the Three o'Clock Man with less impatience than usual.

"Our acquaintance is ended, my uncanny friend," he thought. "Tomorrow you may keep tryst, but I will not. I will walk abroad at Christian hours and leave you to your unholy habits." Thinking these things, he passed the creature, and it seemed to him that the smirk on his face was even more than usually offensive.

So sure was he that the unwelcome acquaintance with this man was over that he did not even look from his window that night to see if he were watching, but, putting out his light, threw himself in his bed with more of happiness in his mood than he had known for years. He fell into a light slumber, from which he was aroused by the impression that some one was looking at him. He opened his eyes and stared into the gloom, a gloom not a little mitigated by a street lamp across the street, which, owing to the lifted shade, shone clearly into the room.

The feeling that some one was looking at him grew to a certainty even before Westerly's sleep weighted eyes beheld the tall and careless figure of the Three o'Clock Man standing by his bed. If the man had been repugnant to him before, he seemed hideous now. He seemed to convey some horrible threat by his presence. What was it? Madness?

Westerly gave it no words, but he felt the moment had come for liberation. He determined to make a supreme effort to free himself. Failing, he was convinced that he would be forevermore in the presence of this fearful guest. So, with an effort that took the blood from his heart and brought the drops out upon his skin, Westerly raised himself, staring unflinchingly at the Three o'Clock Man, rose from his bed and slowly advanced. The advance is slow in the face of a cruel enemy, but it is sometimes certain. It was certain with Westerly. Inch by inch they went on, facing each other, the man backing, Westerly advancing, every muscle set, every nerve strained, brain and soul and mind fixed on victory. Across the room they went, hating each other more every passing second and showing their hate on their distorted faces, wrestling as men may not wrestle with their muscles till the creature went out of the side of the room—faded from Westerly's sight. He was gone. By some great, comfortable knowledge Westerly knew him gone forever. Hardly conscious, he sank upon his bed, panting like one who has been in a frantic race or fight.

"I must tell Elsa Sessions," he remembered thinking as he sank off into a blurred condition, half fainting, half sleeping. "But, after all," he reflected the next morning, "she will never believe me. Perhaps I would better keep the strange matter of the Three o'Clock Man quite to himself."

Which he did. So it must have been the Three o'Clock Man who told.—Chicago Tribune.

HAD A TENDER HEART.

An Incident of Lord Lawrence's Sea Voyage to India.

Lord Lawrence, viceroy of India, was a blunt man of action, impatient of contradiction and thoroughly self reliant. Yet, like many of the truly great, he had a heart as tender as a woman's. The night on which he started from London to govern India he gathered all his family in the drawing room and made each child repeat a favorite hymn to him. His youngest son, 10 years old, nestled in his father's arms. Suddenly the strong man burst into tears.

"I shall never," he cried, "see Bertie a child again!"

It was not of the hardships before him or of his own death he thought, but of the fact that Bertie would not be a child to him on his return.

On board the steamer with the governor general of India was a lady with her infant child. She neglected the baby, which revenged itself by crying day and night. The passengers complained in language more forcible than polite.

"Steward, throw that baby overboard!" was petulantly shouted from sleepless berths.

At last Lord Lawrence, seeing that the child was left motherless by its own mother, took it on his knee. For hours he would hold it, showing it his watch and anything that would amuse it. The child took to the great, strong man and was always quiet when he held it.

"Why do you, my lord," asked one of the relieved passengers, surprised to see the governor general of India playing nurse to a crying baby, "why do you take such notice of that child?"

"Because, to tell you the truth," answered Lord Lawrence, with a merry twinkle in his eye, "that child is the only being in the ship who I can feel quite sure does not want to get anything out of me."—Pastimes.

Stocking Superstitions.

On the Welsh border it used to be considered that the surest precaution against witchcraft was to wear the left stocking wrong side out. This leads us to another kind of superstition connected with the harmless, necessary hose—their value, when properly worn or arranged, as charms or as protections against sickness or pain. If you will only take the trouble when you go to bed to cross your stockings and shoes, you will be quite safe from the grip of cramp. Again, if you hang your stockings crosswise at the foot of the bed, with a pin stuck in them, you need have no fear of nightmare; the hag has a holy horror of cross and pin. Wiseacres have also been heard to declare that if you will always put your left stocking and shoe on first you will enjoy immunity from toothache. This, however, the most superstitious of mortals will likely take leave to doubt. Toothache, that "hell of a' diseases," as Burns calls it, is no respecter of persons nor assuredly of stockings or legs. —Notes and Queries.

A Navajo Superstition.

No Navajo Indian will ever make a campfire of wood from a tree that was struck by lightning or that might have been. If such a fire is made by an irreverent white man, the Indians will retire to a distance, where they cannot feel the heat or smell the smoke, and they will go to sleep in their blankets, fireless and supperless, rather than eat of food prepared on that kind of a fire. The Navajo believes that if he comes within the influence of the flame he will absorb some of the essence of the lightning which will thereafter be attracted to him and sooner or later will kill him. Up in the mountains more than half the great pines are scarred by lightning, but no wood from them is used. Almost any old Navajo can narrate instances where the neglect of this precaution has resulted disastrously, for men are sometimes killed by lightning in a region where thunderstorms are frequent, and it is but a step from the effect to the cause.

What Joseph Was.

The Sunday school teacher had been telling the class about Joseph, particularly with reference to his coat of many colors and how his father rewarded him for being a good boy, for Joseph, she said, told his father whenever he caught any of his brothers in the act of doing wrong.

"Can any little boy or girl tell me what Joseph was?" the teacher asked, hoping that some of them had caught the idea that he was Jacob's favorite.

"I know," one of the little girls said, holding up her hand.

"What was he?"

"A tattletale!" was the reply.—Baltimore News.

The Grenade Throwers.

The grenadiers, the senior of British regiments which compose the brigade of guards, got its name from the fact that toward the end of the eighteenth century the men were armed with hand grenades to throw among the enemy. They had to be in the front of the fighting line; hence they gained a reputation for bravery and the name of the "grenadiers." The badge of the regiment is still a hand grenade spouting flames, though that deadly engine of war has long since been superseded. —Scottish-American.

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It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while waiting for the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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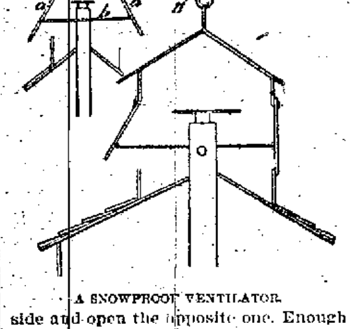
When there is no wind, the windows will hang as shown in small cut. When the wind is in the west, the pressure will close the window on that side and open the opposite one. Enough draft will be formed to draw all the foul air from below. The cover to the shaft will further prevent snow coming in and will keep sparrows from bothering.



A SNOWPROOF VENTILATOR.

The best plan of cupola will provide for windows on all four sides, connected as shown. The shaft should be open at the bottom, but provided with a slide to close it in warm weather, and an opening should be made near the top of the stable, which may be opened in warm weather when the lower one is closed.

Irrigation of Blackberries.

One important point in the irrigation of blackberries established by the experiments of Professor Jordan at the New Jersey station is that the effect of irrigation is not confined to the year in which the water is applied. The presence of sufficient moisture to provide for the growth and development of plant and fruit seems to favor a growth of cane thoroughly matured and fitted for the succeeding season's work. The dry season of 1898 occurred during the ripening period, and great clusters of nearly developed fruit dried up completely where not irrigated. Nothing of the kind occurred when water was given. The dry period of 1899 occurred very early in the development of the fruit and was not long enough in duration to materially affect the crop, yet the results were again very markedly in favor of irrigation.

New Notion In Growing Lima Beans.

For the past nine years I have raised lima beans in my garden and for two years past have used wire in place of bean poles, and I wish to say that any one having once used wire will never go back to the old system. On the south side of an old building I have set some cedar posts ten feet or more above the ground and about 30 feet from the building. On these posts have been spiked some 2 by 4 scantling. Some heavy screw hooks are fastened to the building, and to the hooks I fasten a heavy single wire (or double if preferred) and run the same to the 2 by 4 for an overhead wire. I have my hills all boxed in with six inch strips of lumber and drive a plug or short stake in the center of each hill and then fasten to the stake a wire, such as stovemen use for wiring stovepipe, and fasten the same to the overhead wire. In a windstorm beans receive less punishment than when poles are used, and no wire has ever broken a stem. The soil here is sandy, and by boxing the hills and using water freely I can force the growth and have early beans. Limas have matured here with me in Michigan as early as the 31st of July. The vertical wires that I have used for two seasons I expect to use again, and the cost is much less than poles and more satisfactory. I think my vines have grown in favorable weather not less than six inches in a single day, says a correspondent in Vick's Magazine, who also sends a picture of the portion of his garden here described.

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This motto abide, in the midst of the strife,
Will conquer wherever it goes!
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A PARTIALLY OBEYED ORDER

The Reporter Returned, but the Mule Was a Total Loss.

Harmon W. Brown of Ohio, who held a responsible place on the staff of General Rawlins during the civil war, tells the following story of the general's treatment of an intrusive reporter:

"One day before Vicksburg the correspondent of a certain paper went to General Rawlins for news.

"The general pondered a moment and took me one side.

"'Take this young man,' he said, 'up to the top of those trenches within a stone's throw of the enemy. Take him up there and lose him. I don't care what happens. Understand?'

"I said I did, and we started through the lines. Both of us were mounted. I pointed out a crest overlooking the enemy and told him he could get a good view from that point.

"'Ain't you coming with me?' he asked.

"'No,' I replied, 'I know all I want to know.'

"So he started alone. As soon as the top of his hat and the tips of his mule's ears showed above the crest there came a volley of musketry, ten yards wide, that cut the air like a big knife blade. The crown of his hat was sheared off as with shears. He managed to drop to the ground in safety, but the persevering mule was literally filled with lead. After the firing ceased the correspondent crawled to the spot where I was.

"'Did you learn what you wanted to know?' I asked.

"'Eh?' gasped the correspondent, wiping his face and looking at his hands to see whether they were bloody. 'What I wanted to know?' Oh, yes, of course. The enemy are over that ridge all right.'

"When we returned to headquarters General Rawlins saw us and hailed me. I went inside his tent.

"'I thought I told you to lose that confounded reporter somewhere,' he said testily.

"'I did the best I could, sir,' I answered. 'He came back, but I have the honor to report the mule a total loss.'"—Saturday Evening Post.

If all the money in the world were divided equally among the people each person would get about $30.

Kissing the hands of great men was a Grecian custom.

STOP WOMEN

from exercising common sense? You can't do it. As the old rhyme runs:

"The man's a fool who tries by force or skill
To turn the current of a woman's will
For if she will, she will, you may depend on't
And if she won't she won't, so there's an end on't."

Common sense tells a woman that when she's sick she needs a doctor.

Common sense tells a woman that in disease the first question is not of man or woman, but of recognized medical ability.

Common sense applied to advertisements which invite women to "write to a woman because she is a woman and understands women," will show the women so appealed to, that it's no use to write to any woman about disease unless that woman is a physician.

Common sense used in the reading of advertisements will discover that no claim is made in them to a physician's knowledge or diploma. And that is not because the claim would be morally culpable as a lie, but because it would be legally punishable as a fraud. The law permits you to masquerade as a doctor in an advertisement, just so long as you don't actually claim to be a doctor, or put M. D. after your name. That's why the advertisement is worded "write to a woman" instead of write to a doctor.

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4338	30	L Gorton	5 46

SERGEANT TOWNSHIP.

2659	44	L W Struble	3 95
2797	50	T L Kane	47 40
2794	700	do	61 62
2794	50	do	3 95
2794	100	do	7 90
2797	75	H L Howard	8 85
2797	40	W S Brownell	6 22
2436	619	Henry Bayard	19 21
2436	895	do	14 64
2095	250	G H Boyd	10 50
2436	320	do	13 44
2531	990	Penn Chemical Co	41 58
2482	950	do	39 90
2428	106	do	4 46
2436	336	do	14 19
2436	155	do	6 69
2436	275	do	11 57
2345	990	W W Clearwater	41 58

SMETHPORT BOROUGH.

Sq. 60, 60x115 ft, Mrs M E Bergstresser 44 29
One lot, 1 3-5 acres Mrs E M Bishop Est 1 89

WETMORE TOWNSHIP.

3132		247	Elizabeth D Kane	34 07
3139		165	do	22 77
3131	26 87 819	990	do	412 62
3087	818 147	990	do	751 41
3093	15	234	do	183 77
3132	59	68	do	4 71
3154	76	56	do	46 36
3154	77	269	do	222 74
3154	76	80	do	66 24
3108	72	81	do	38 79
3151	9	50	do	6 90
3153	12	92	do	12 70
3219	97	445	do	15 03
3132	78	168	do	11 62
3213 3215 3153 3467	113 114	7	do	1 95
		10	do	4 14
3172 3172	85 86	611	do	80 60
3167	91	111	do	7 66
2567	262	50	do	6 90
3132	78	42	E O'N Kane	29 45
3132	78	72	do	50 61
3132	78	40	do	28 57
3132	78	53	do	40 10
3210	79	33	do	27 84
3166	80	107	do	88 62
3168	91	34	do	28 16
3175	93	17	E K Kane	1 20
3092		756	do	240 47
3120		350	do	68 31
3122	40 41	454	do	31 33
2567	263	225	do	31 04
3213		107	do	29 55
2573	185	225	do	31 04
3086	8	16	T L Kane	5 52
2575	179	225	F H Rockwell	15 55
2575	180	225	do	15 55
2576	419	193	Penn Tanning Co	26 65
3754		254	do	17 54
2570	417	112½	do	7 79
2570	427	225	do	15 55
2570	428	225	do	15 55
2589	416	164	do	28 20
2319	349	112	do	7 73
3775 3 to 17		78½	James Bros	10 55
3771		177 8-10	do	24 55
3754		350	do	75 90
2310	350	225	Stone, Weston & Co	15 55
2570	418	225	do	15 55
2520	390	225	do	15 55
3687	801	225	do	15 55
2587	805	225	do	15 55
2591	365	225	E M Payne	15 55
2592	359	225	do	15 55
2592	420	225	do	15 66
2555	319	225	R T Stone	186 36
3764		104	A J Hazeltine	7 19
3764		350	John McNair & Co	289 80
3789		177 8-10	Unknown	24 62
2568	324	112½	Hazeltine, Weston & Co	7 79
2072	387	225	Thos Keeler	15 55
3764		200	do	13 80
2319	349	225	do	15 55
2502	364	225	do	15 55
2072	377	112½	do	7 79
3764		100	Davis & Weston	6 90
2453		60	L A Brenneman	41 40
	344	205	Koester & Philliber	14 17
3122	40	73	Wm Blew	14 32
3122	59	162	do	31 75
2388	342	12½	Fred Hanson Est	5 48
2587	3 2	225	John Brubaut	8 11
2587	303	225	do	8 11
2398	380	25	Penn Tanning Co	91
2378	188	225	G Potts	87 20

LANDS RETURNED FROM SEATED.

3213 or 13		88¼	John McCloskey	9 50
3236		57	Herbert Anderson	4 96
3663	340	63	John Vanatrk	7 50

Treasurer's Office, Smethport, Penn'a March 1st, 1900.
JNO. W. CAMPBELL,
County Treasurer.

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TRAVELER'S GUIDE.

TIME TABLE

WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY.

In effect Oct. 22, 1899.

Trains leave Smethport for Larabee, Eldred, Olean, Bradford, Rochester and Buffalo as follows:

Buffalo Express, daily except Sunday [illegible] a. m.
*Buffalo Mail, daily except Sunday [illegible] p. m.
Local for Olean, daily except Sunday [illegible] a. m.
*Train leaving Smethport [illegible] connects at Olean with River Division for Allegany, Salamanca, Oil City and Pittsburg.

For Clermont and points south:
*Clermont Local, daily ex Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Clermont Accom daily ex Sunday 12:[illegible] p. m.
Clermont Accom daily ex Sunday 7:0[illegible] p. m.
*Clermont Local connects through to Johnsonburg.

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:
Mail, daily ex Sunday [illegible] a. m.
Mail, daily ex Sunday [illegible] Emporium for Philadelphia [illegible]

Get Time Tables giving full information [illegible]
A. E. WORNER, Ticket Agent.
H. BELL, General Supt.
J. A. FELLOWS, Gen. Pas'r. & T'k. Agt.
General offices Mooney Brisbane Bldg, Cor. Main and Clinton st. Buffalo N. Y.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. 19, 1899.

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION
EASTWARD.

8:20 a. m.—Train 8, weekdays, for Sunbury, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 6:23 p. m., New York 9:30 p. m., Baltimore 6:00 p. m., Washington, 7:15 p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia, and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:20 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York 7:13 a. m., Baltimore 2:20 a. m., Washington 4:05 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:40 p. m.—Train 4 daily for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia 6:52 a. m., New York 9:33 a. m., week days (10:33 a. m. Sundays) Baltimore 6:35 a. m., Washington 7:15 a. m. Pullman sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger cars from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, weekdays, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois Clermont and intermediate stations.
10:20 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and weekdays for DuBois and intermediate stations.
3:20 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York [illegible] Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington [illegible] Baltimore 8:40 p. m., arriving at Emporium Junction 5:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7:55 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:55 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. 10:20 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:40 a. m., Washington 7:55 a. m., Baltimore 8:50 a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:55 a. m., weekdays, arriving at Emporium Junction 3:20 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Phil'a to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.
Weekdays.

NORTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS.	SOUTH Ar. A. M.
9 40	Ridgway	[illegible]
9 55	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
10 05	Bendigo	[illegible]
10 11	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
10 20	Straight	[illegible]
10 25	Instanter	[illegible]
10 31	Smith's Run	[illegible]
10 38	Woodvale	[illegible]
10 45	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:46 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at 3:15 p. m. and at Ridgway with train 103, leaving Ridgway 12:10 p. m. for DuBois, Red Bank, Pittsburg and intermediate points and train 6, leaving Ridgway at 2:20 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager
J. R. WOOD, Gen'l Passenger Ag't

Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Jan. 1st, 1900, passenger trains between, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney, Butler, Pittsburg and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania, will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett, as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—NORTH BOUND.

8.10 a.m. and 4.15 p.m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Limestone Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester. Week days only.

4.35 p. m.—Pittsburg Flyer—Daily—For Ashford, Springville, Buffalo, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

2.56 p.m. Sunday for Salamanca and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND.

.28 a.m. and 5.27 p.m.—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois, Falls Creek and Punxsutawney. Week days only.

12 54 p. m.—Pittsburg Flyer—Daily—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney, Dayton, Craigsville, Butler and Pittsburg.

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Gen'l Passenger Agent
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BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD

Condensed time table in effect Feb. 11, 1900

Read up. Read down.

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All trains daily except Sunday.

CONNECTIONS.

At Keating S'[illegible] with W. N. Y. & P. union station.
At Ansonia with F. B. R'y union station.
At Fewfield Jct. with C. & P. A. union station.
At Genesee with N. Y. & P. union station.
At Addison with Erie R.R. union station.
At Wellsville with Erie R. R.

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J. H. GOODYEAR, Ass't Gen. Supt, Austin, Pa.

The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R. R.

Time Table No. 1. Passenger Train Schedule

MT. JEWETT & SMETHPORT DIV.

[illegible]

SHAWMUT DIVISION.

[illegible]

Close connections at St. Marys with [illegible] R. R. for all points East and West [illegible] for all points on W. N. Y. & P. [illegible] their connections.

N. B.—All trains daily except Sunday.
F—Flag station.

B. E. CARTWRIGHT, General Manager.
CHAS. H. HAMMOND, Gen'l Pass'r Agent.
St. Marys, Pa.

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